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London, also of Bristol ^{Chartered Accountant}
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at one time of the City of Bristol
(Finzel Berry & Co.)

CITY CHARTERS.

Containing the Original Institution of

Mayors, $\S\S$ Sheriffs,
Recorders, $\S\S$ Town-Clerks,

And all Other OFFICERS whatsoever.

As also of a

COMMON-COUNCIL,

AND THE

Ancient LAWS and CUSTOMS of the CITY.

Diligently Compar'd with, and Corrected according to the
LATIN ORIGINALS.

To which are added,

The Bounds of the City, by Land,

With the exact Distances from Stone to Stone, all round the City.

Sold by FELIX FARLEY, in Castle-Green;
J. WILSON, at the Bible-and-Sun in Wine-street; and by P. BROWN, in St.
Thomas-street, BRISTOL: Also, by R. RAIKES in Gloucester; J. LEAKE in
Bath; and by J. CROFTS in Monmouth. MDCCXXXVI.



CHARLES II.

By the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, &c.

*To all to whom these present Letters shall come,
Greeting,*


E have seen the Letters Patents of Our
most dear Father the Lord CHARLES the
First, late King of *England*, of Confirmation,
made in these Words, CHARLES, *by the K. Charles I.*
Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and
Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.—
To all to whom these present Letters shall come,
Greeting. We have seen the Letters Patents of our
most dear Father the Lord JAMES, late King
of *England*, of Confirmation, made in these Words,
JAMES, *by the Grace of God, of England, Scot-* *K. James I.*
land,

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land, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.—To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting. We have seen the Letters Patents of our most dear Sister the Lady ELIZABETH, late Queen of England, of Confirmation, made in these Words, *ELIZABETH, by the Grace of God, of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.*—To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting. We have seen the Letters Patents of our most dear Brother the Lord EDWARD the Sixth, late King of England, of Confirmation, made in these Words, *EDWARD the Sixth, by the Grace of God, King of England, France, and Ireland, Defender, &c. and in Earth, of the Church of England and Ireland, Supreme Head.*—To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting. We have seen the Letters Patents of our Lord and Father HENRY the Eighth, late King of England, of Confirmation, made in these Words, *HENRY, by the Grace of God, King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland.*—To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting. We have seen the Letters Patents of our Lord and Father HENRY, late King of England, of Confirmation, made in these Words, *HENRY, by the Grace of God, King*

Q. Eliz.

K. Edw. VI.

K. Hen. VIII.

K. Hen. VII.

King of England, and of France, and Lord of Ire-
land.—To all to whom these Present Letters shall
come, Greeting. We have seen the Letters Patents
of our Lord EDWARD the Fourth, late King of
England, our Progenitor, made in these Words,
EDWARD, *by the Grace of God, King of En-* K. Edw. IV.
gland, and of France, and Lord of Ireland.—To
Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Dukes,
Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Provosts, Officers,
and to all Bailiffs, and his faithful People, Greet-
ing. We have seen the Charter of our Lord and
Cousin, RICHARD, after the Conquest, the Second,
made in these Words, RICHARD, *by the Grace* K. Rich. II.
of God, King of England and France, and Lord of
Ireland.—To Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots,
Priors, Dukes, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs,
Provosts, Officers, and to all Bailiffs, and his faith-
ful People, Greeting. We have seen our Letters
Patents of Confirmation, which lately we have
caused to be made to the *Burgesses* of our Town of
Bristol in these Words, RICHARD, *by the*
Grace of God, King of England, and of France,
and Lord of Ireland.—To all to whom these Pre-
sent Letters shall come, Greeting. We have seen
the Letters Patents of Confirmation, which our
Lord and Grandfather EDWARD, late King of En-
gland,

gland, lately caused to be made in these Words,
 K. Edw. III. EDWARD, by the Grace of God, King of England,
 and France, and Lord of Ireland.—To all to
 whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting.
 We have seen our Charter, by which we have
 Granted and Confirm'd for Us AND OUR HEIRS,
 to our well-beloved *Burgesses* of our Town of *Bri-*
ſtol, and *THEIR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS*, for

Bristol made ever, That the said Town of Bristol, with its Su-
a County di-
ſtinct from
Glouceſter
and Som'
as well by
Land as by
Water.

The County
of Bristol,
dated 8th of
August.

EDWARD, by the Grace of God, King
of England, and of France, and Lord of Ireland.—
 To Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Dukes,
 Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Provosts, Bailiffs,
 Officers, and to all other his faithful People, Greet-
 ing. *Know ye, That whereas by the Charters as well*
of our Progenitors, heretofore Kings of England,
 Cum Clau- *which (with a Clause notwithstanding) we have Con-*
ſula licet. *firmed, as also divers other Liberties and Free-*
doms,

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doms, to our well-beloved *Burgeesses* of our Town of *Bristol*, and Their *Heirs* and *Successors*, for ever be Granted, as in the said Charters more largely is contained: We, at the Petition of our well-beloved the Mayor and Commonalty of the aforesaid Town, truly asserting, That the said Town is partly in the County of *Gloucester*, and partly in the said County of *Somerset*; and altho' that the Town aforesaid, from the Towns of *Gloucester* and *Ivelchester*, Gloucester where the County Assizes, Jurats, and Inquisitions, ^{and Ivelche-} _{ster 30 Miles from Bristol.} before the Justices, and other our Officers in the Counties aforesaid, are taken, is distant 30 Miles of deep Way, dangerous for Travellers, especially in the Winter Time; notwithstanding, the said *Burgeesses* of *Bristol* are bound to appear in the Counties at the taking the Assizes, Jurats, and Inquisitions, whereby they are sometimes hindred in the Management of their Navigation and Merchandise, to the Prejudice of their Estates, and the manifest impoverishing the said Town, We, willing to help the said Town of *Bristol*, and in Consideration of the good Behaviour of the said *Burgeesses* towards Us, and of their good Service by their Shipping, and otherwise done to us in Times past, and for *Six Hundred Marks*, the which, they to Our selves in our Chamber have paid, of which we will they be

be discharged ; and being willing more profitably, quietly, and largely, to provide, of our especial Grace, with the Advice and Consent of the Learned Men assisting us in Council, we have granted, and by this our Charter have confirmed, for us and our Heirs, to the said *Burgesses*, and their Heirs and Successors, for ever, That the said Town of *Bristol*, with the Suburbs and Precincts thereof, according to the Metes and Bounds, as they are limited from the said Counties of *Gloucester* and *Somerset*, hereafter be separated, and likewise in all Things exempted, as well by Land as by Water, and that it be a County by it self, and for ever call'd, *The County of Bristol* ; and that the said *Burgesses*, their Heirs and Successors, for ever, may have within the said Town of *Bristol*, and Suburbs thereof, and Precincts of the same, by Metes and Bounds, as they are limited, the Liberties and Freedoms under-written, and the same fully enjoy and use ; *that is to say*, That every Mayor of the said Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, as soon as he shall be elected Mayor, may be *Escheator* to us and our Heirs, in the Town of *Bristol*, the Suburbs and Precincts aforesaid ; and that the said *Burgesses* and Commonalty, and their Heirs and Successors, for ever, may have One Sheriff in the said

To be separated from Glouceſt' and Som'

Liberties granted.

Mayor to be Escheator.

One Sheriff to be choſen yearly.

said Town, the Suburbs and Precincts of the same; the which said Sheriff shall be yearly chosen and appointed, according to the Form under written; *that is to say*, The said *Burgesses* and *Commonalty*, every Year amongst Themselves, shall choose *three* Three Persons named, and the King to choose one to be Sheriff. Persons, the Names of whom they shall yearly, for ever, return into our Chancery, and the Chancery of our Heirs, under the Common-Seal of our said Town of *Bristol*; and of the said three Persons, we and our Heirs, or the Council of us and our Heirs, in our and their Name, shall yearly elect *one* to be Sheriff of the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts thereof; and by our Letters Patents under our great Seal will appoint him to continue only for one Year: *So always*, that the said Escheator, and Sheriff shall answer to us and to our Heirs, of the To answer for the Issues and Profits in the Exchequer. Issues and Profits arising of the Offices, at the Exchequer of us and our Heirs: And that no other Escheator, or Sheriff, at any other Time hereafter, shall be in the said Town, Suburbs, or Precincts of the same, but only among Themselves, as aforesaid: And that the said Sheriff and Escheator of *Bristol*, shall have the same Power, Jurisdiction, and Liberty, and all other Things whatsoever, to the said Offices of Sheriff and Escheator in the said Town of Sheriff and Escheator's Power as large as any others in England. *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same belong-

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*County Court
on Monday
in every
Month.*

*Mayor's
Court.*

*No foreign
Officers to in-
termingle.*

*Sheriff and
Escheator
to account in
the Exche-
quer by their
Attorney.*

ing, which other Sheriffs and Escheators other-
where have in our Kingdom of *England*: And that
the said Sheriff of *Bristol* may hold his County-Day
there, from Month to Month, upon *Monday*, as
other Sheriffs in our said Kingdom do use: And
that the said Mayor may hold his Court there
likewise; and at all Times, for ever receive the
Profits thereof, to the Use of the Commonalty of
the same Town of *Bristol*, as heretofore hath been
accustomed to be done: And that no Sheriff, Es-
cheator, or other Officer of the Counties afore-
said shall enter into the said Town, or the Su-
burbs or Precincts aforesaid, to execute any Office
within the same Town, Suburbs, and Precincts:
And that the said Sheriff and Escheator of *Bristol*,
for the Time being, their Profers may make every
Year before the Treasurer and Barons of our Exche-
quer, and the Exchequer of our Heirs, by the At-
torney of them the Sheriff or Escheator, thereto
deputed by Letters Patents under the Common-Seal
of the said Town of *Bristol*, signed, of all Things
whereof they are accountable, concerning the Office
of a Sheriff and Escheator; and that the same At-
torney be admitted by the same Treasurer and Ba-
rons, to make and render such Profers and Accounts,
according to the Force and Effect of the Letters a-
foresaid:

foresaid: Without that, that the said Sheriff and Escheator, or their Successors, may be compelled to come out of the said Town to account for any Thing to their Offices belonging: And that every Mayor of the aforesaid Town of *Bristol*, who for that Time shall be, presently after his Election, shall take his Oath before his next Predecessor, who was Mayor of the same Town, living, in the *Guildhall* of the said Town of *Bristol*, before the Commonalty of the same Town, as well for the Office of Mayor, as for the Office of Escheator; and that for the future, he shall not be presented to the Constable of the Castle of *Bristol*, or be by him accepted, as formerly hath been accustomed. And that the Sheriff of the same Town of *Bristol*, when he shall be elected and chosen as aforesaid, shall likewise take his Oath, by Writ of *Dedimus Potestatem*, before the Mayor of the said Town of *Bristol*; which said Writ we will and grant, without any Difficulty in the Chancery of us and our Heirs, for the Time being, for this Cause; so that they shall be no Ways compelled to take Oath any where out of the Town aforesaid, or before any other Person, or in any other Manner: *Provided always*, That the Escheator's Name aforesaid be yearly certified into the Exchequer of us and our Heirs, under the Common-Seal.

Not to be compelled out of the Town to account.

Mayor to be sworn.

Sheriff sworn by Writ of Dedimus Potestatem, issuing out of the Chancery.

Escheators certified in the Exchequer.

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Mayor and Sheriff of Bristol to bear and determine of several Offences.

of the said Town of *Bristol*: And that the Mayor and Sheriff of *Bristol*, and their Successors, for ever, may have Power to Enquire, Hear, and Determine, as well by our Writs, as the Writs of our Heirs; as also by Bills and Complaints, at the Suit of us and our Heirs; and also at the Suit of the Party, according to the Law, of all Manner of Misdemeanors, Trespasses, Disturbances against the Peace, Maintenances, Conspiracies, Confederacies, Champerties, Extortions, Oppressions, and other Misprisions whatsoever, done, or to be done, within the Town, Suburbs, and Precincts aforesaid; and also of Victuallers, Workmen, Labourers, and Artificers, within the same Town, Suburbs, and Precincts, as often as they shall see good to be

To punish by Fine, Amerciament, and Imprisonmt.

done; and also to punish such Offenders by Fine, Amerciament, and Imprisonment of their Bodies, and to make due Execution of Judgment, thereupon given by them; *saving always*, to us and

Fines and A- merciaments reserved to the King.

our Heirs, the said Fines and Amerciaments, and all other Things to us thereupon belonging; of which said Fines, Amerciaments, and other Things

An Account to be given of Fines and A- merciaments every Year.

so to us thereupon belonging, there shall be Eſtreats delivered by the ſaid Mayor and Sheriff, under their Seals, every Year, on the Morrow of St. Michael, at the Exchequer of us and our Heirs: And

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likewise, that the same Mayor and Sheriff of *Bristol*, and their Successors, for ever, shall have Power to Enquire of all Felonies in the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts, done, and to be done; and to Arrest within the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts, all those who, by Inquisition in that Behalf made, shall be Indicted, and them to commit to the Prison of us and our Heirs in the same Town of *Bristol*; in the same Prison or Goal to remain, until they be delivered by the Justices of us and our Heirs, assigned to deliver the Goal of the said Town, and not any where else (of which Justices the Mayor of the said Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, to be One,) according to the Law and Custom of our Kingdom of *England*, in the Court of us and our Heirs in the same Town: And also, to bail Persons, bailable: And that the said *Burgesses*, their Heirs, and Successors, for ever, may have the Keeping of the said Goal, or Prison; and likewise may have Infangthief and Outfangthief; and that the Mayor and Sheriff of the said Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, may have Judgment and Execution thereof. And if there be any Persons taken for any Felony, done by * *Hand-work*, within the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts aforesaid, and fresh Suit

Felons taken on fresh Suit.

** Manopera.*

Justices of Goal Delivery.

Mayor to be One.

The Burgesses to keep the Goal.

Infangthief and Outfangthief.

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*Sheriff and
Coroner to
take Appeal
of Felony.*

*The Parties
to Imprison.*

Suit be made against them for the same Felonies, That then the said Prisoners, before the said Mayor and Sheriff of the said Town of *Bristol*, shall be delivered, according to the Law and Custom of our said Kingdom. And the Sheriff and Coroner of our said Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, for ever, may have Power to take Appeal of the Death of Man, and also of every other Felony within the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts thereof, done and committed ; and the Parties so appealed, to arrest and imprison in our said Goal or Prison of *Bristol*, there to remain until they shall be delivered by the Justices of us, and our Heirs assigned to deliver the Goal of the said Town of *Bristol* (of which Justices the Mayor of the said Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, to be One, as aforesaid) according to the Law and Custom of our said Kingdom, in the Court of us and our Heirs of the same Town of *Bristol*, and not elsewhere : *Provided always*, That Persons taken and imprisoned in Cases of Infangthief and Felony done (*Manopera*) by fresh Suit having been made before the said Mayor and Sheriff of the said Town of *Bristol*, may be delivered as aforesaid. And also we have Granted and Confirm'd for us and our Heirs, to the aforesaid *Burgesses*, their Heirs and Successors, for ever, That no *Burgess*

Burgesses of the said Town, Suburbs, and Precincts, or any other Person, concerning any Tenures being in the same Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts, nor of any other Thing there done, or to be done, shall implead, or be impleaded, before any other Judge out of the said Town of *Bristol*; nor of any Contracts, Accounts Debts, Bargains, Trespasses, or of any other Foreign Deed, or otherwise, than by their Fellow *Burgesses* of the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts thereof: But that the Mayor and Sheriff of the said Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, shall have the Cognizance of all Pleas, and also of Assizes of *Novel Disseisin*, *Morte Ancestor*, and Certificate, arraigned, and to be arraigned, of all Lands, Tenements, Rents and Tenures, being within the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts; and also of all Trespasses, Covenants, Debts, Accounts, Contracts, and Plaints; and also of every other Thing within the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts, that shall in any ways happen to be done or arise concerning any Person whatsoever, the same to be had, and in Form of Law, to be determined before the said Mayor and Sheriff of *Bristol*, in the *Guildhall* of the same Town, and due Execution by the same Mayor and Sheriff shall be made, be the Complainant or Defendant of what

No Burgess to sue, or be sued out of Bristol for any Thing there done.

Mayor and Sheriff to have Cognizance of all Pleas of Lands, and all other Actions.

what Condition soever; the which Cognizance, at the Petition of the said Mayor and Sheriff, or their Attorney, before any of the Justices of us and our Heirs, of one Bench or the other, or any other our Justices, or otherwise in any other of the Courts of us, or our Heirs, whether with or without the Writs of us, or our Heirs, shall be allowed and granted to

Which Privileges shall be allowed in either of the King's Courts on shewing the Charter.

the said Mayor and Sheriff of *Bristol*, in the Name of them and the *Burgesses* aforesaid, by the said Justices, and other Officers of ours, and of our Heirs, of the Courts aforesaid, by the View of our Charter, or by our present Concessions made, shall be allowed and granted without any Writs of us or our Heirs, or any other Warrant, or Mandate to the said Justices, or Officers, directed, but that the same shall be determin'd as aforesaid by the said Mayor and Sheriff: *Saving always*, That Pleas which in

The Tolsey Court held by Custom before the *Tolsey*, before the Steward, and other our Officers, have been accustomed to be held in the same Court before the Steward, and other our Officers, and the Officers of our Heirs, there for the future shall be held; and as is just and hath been accustomed, there

Accountable to the King for the Profits of the Court.

shall be answered to us and our Heirs, of the Profits thereof, arising by the said Officers, or others, who in the Name of us, or our Heirs, shall receive

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the same Profits: So that none of the Justices of us or our Heirs, at the Assizes, Jurats, and Certificates, or other Inquisitions, in the said Counties of *Gloucester* and *Somerset*, to be taken, assigned; or the Justices of us, or our Heirs, of the one Bench or the other; or the Justices of us, or our Heirs, of Oyer and Terminer, or for keeping the Peace, or for taking or making any other Inquisitions; or the Sheriff and Escheator of the said Counties of *Gloucester* and *Somerset*, or any other Justices or Officer of ours, or of our Heirs, shall have Cognizance or Jurisdiction, or intermeddle, be the Parties Plaintiff or Defendant, of what State or Condition soever, concerning any Tenures within the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts thereof; or of Contracts, Covenants, Accounts, Debts, Trespasses, Pleas, Plaints, or of any other Thing whatsoever, committed or done within the Town, Suburbs, and Precincts aforesaid; excepting only, such Causes wherein Error happeneth, by the Justices of us and our Heirs, itinerant, and the Justices for Goal Delivery of the said Town of *Bristol*, in Manner aforesaid assign'd; and also Inquisitions, and Determinations of Customs and Subsidies, of Wools, Leather, Hides, Skins, Felts, and other Customs and Subsidies, of ours, and our Heirs, by Cocket,

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No other
Justices or
Officers to
enter the
Town;

except where
Error
happeneth.

or otherwise, of the Gift and Grant of our faithful Subjects, to us and our Heirs, appertaining; and also those Things that belong to the said Court of *Court of Tolsey*, excepted: *Tolsey excepted.* But that for Time to come, the Mayor and Sheriff of the said Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, for ever, shall have Power and Jurisdiction to hear and determine all the said Pleas and Plaints, in Form aforesaid. *And moreover*, we have Granted and Confirm'd, for us and our Heirs, to the said *Burgeesses*, and their Heirs and Successors, for ever, That the said Mayor of the Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, shall have Power to receive, and record Recognizances of Charters, and other Writings, of Lands, Tenements, Rents, and other Tenures, within the same Town, Suburbs, and Precincts, by any Persons, (*married Women excepted*) in full Court of the *Guildhall* of the same Town; so that the same Charters and Writings, duly acknowledged, and in the Rolls of the *Guildhall* of the same Town enrolled, thenceforth may be of Record against whatsoever Persons they be, as Charters and Writings are acknowledged and enrolled in our Chancery, or in any other of our Courts: And that when any Writs, Original, or of Covenant, or other, between any Parties, of any Lands, Tenements, Rents, and other Revenues, within the said Town

The Mayor have Power to Enrol Deeds,

in like Manner as in Chancery.

Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same, to levy thereby a Fine, hereafter shall be obtained in the Chancery of us or our Heirs, the Mayor and Sheriff of the said Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, may take Cognizance thereof, and by the Force of such Writ, may levy, by due Course of Law, in full Power, and open Court in the *Guildhall* of the same Town of *Bristol*, reasonable Fines of the same Parties, as the Custom is for Licence, to agree, to the Use of us and our Heirs, to be paid; and thereupon full Execution shall be, as in our Court, of Fines there levied: So that the said Mayor and Sheriff, by their Attorney, shall deliver the Eſtreats thereof, every Year, the Morrow of St. *Michael*, under their Seals, at the Exchequer of us and our Heirs: And that the said Mayor and Sheriff, and their Successors, for ever, shall have Power to receive the Probates of Wills of Lands, Tenements, Rents, and Revenues, within the said Town, Suburbs, and Precincts of *Bristol*, devised, within two Years after the Death of the Testator; so that such Wills and Bequests be Proclaim'd in open Court of the *Guildhall* of the said Town of *Bristol*, and enrolled in the Rolls of the same Court, after such Proclamation and Enrolment, shall be of Record; and from

*Eſtreates
thereof to be
delivered
into the
Exchequer.*

*Power to
prove Wills
of Lands
within two
Years after
the Death of
the Testator.*

*Power to
put the
Legacies in
Execution
by Writ
Ex Gravi
Querela.*

*All Writs to
be Directed
to the Sheriff
Escheator
and Coroner.*

thence the said Mayor and Sheriff shall have Power, and their Successors, to put the same Legacies in Execution, by their Officers, in Form of Law, or by due Process to be made by Writ *Ex Gravi Querela*, at the Prosecution and Election of every one who will prosecute: And also, we have Granted and Confirmed, for us and our Heirs, to the said *Burgesses*, and to their Heirs and Successors, for ever, that all the Writs of us and our Heirs, as well Original, as Judicial, and other Writings and Mandates, touching as well us and our Heirs, as all other Persons which shall be sent from the Chancery, Exchequer, the Bench of us and our Heirs, and also from the Common Bench, and other the Courts of us and our Heirs, or under the Seal of the Justices of us and our Heirs, itinerant, the Justices of Oyer and Terminer, or any other the Justices of us and our Heirs, concerning Lands, Tenements, Rents, Revenues, Possessions, Goods, and Chattels, in the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts thereof, being, and Contracts, Covenants, Accounts, Debts, Trespasses, or any other Things whatsoever, within the same Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts, done, or to be done, growing, or to grow; the which Writs, Precepts, and Mandates, if the afore-

aforesaid Separation of the said Town of *Bristol*, with its Suburbs and Precincts thereof, made from the said Counties of *Gloucester* and *Somerset*, and these present Liberties to the aforesaid *Burgeesses*, by us, in Form aforesaid, had not been Granted, should have been directed to the Sheriff, Escheator, and Coronors, of the said Counties of *Gloucester* and *Somerset*, jointly or severally; the said Writs, henceforth, shall be directed to the aforesaid Sheriff, Escheator, and Coroner, of *Bristol* for the Time being, jointly and severally, as it is meet, and to no other, for ever hereafter, according to the Nature of the Writs, Precepts, and Mandates aforesaid, by the same Sheriff, Escheator, and Coroner of *Bristol*, to be duly executed, as to the Office of Sheriff, Escheator, and Coroner, belongeth. *And moreover*, we have granted, for us and our Heirs, to the said *Burgeesses*, their Heirs and Successors, for ever, That the said Town of *Bristol*, by any Means *Two Knights and Burgeesses to be sent to Parliament.* shall not be charged to send to the Parliament of us or our Heirs, but only Two Men, as heretofore hath been accustomed; which Two Men, as well Knights of the County of *Bristol*, as *Burgeesses* of the same Town and Borough of *Bristol*, for the same Town and Borough, in those Parliaments shall be bound to make Answer: And that if in any Customs or Ordinances

Mayor and Sheriff, with the Consent of the Commonalty, to elect from Time to Time, 40 to be of the Common-Council.

Power to make By-Laws.

Power to raise Taxes.

dinances in the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs and Precincts, had and used, or that may happen of new to be of Difficulty or Defect, for which there is no Remedy appointed, the said Mayor and Sheriff, and their Successors, by the Assent of the Commonalty of the said Town of *Bristol*, the Suburbs, and Precincts thereof, may Elect, successively, from Time to Time, Forty of the Better and more Honest Men of the Town, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same; which said Mayor, Sheriff, and Forty Men, for the Time being, of their Common Assent, may have Power to Ordain and Establish competent Remedy in the Cases aforesaid, which shall be agreeable to Reason, and profitable for the Commonalty aforesaid, and other Persons coming to the Town of *Bristol* aforesaid; and that the said Mayor, Sheriff, and Forty Men, and their Successors, for the Necessities, and Profits, touching the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts thereof, by their Common Assent, upon the Goods of every Man of the Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts aforesaid, of every one, according to his Estate, as well upon his Rents, as for his Trades and Merchandise, and otherwise, as may best be done, may assess, Tallage, and the same levy, without the Lett of us or our Heirs,

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the Justices and Officers of us and our Heirs, whatsoever; so that the Moneys thereof arising, *The Money to remain in Treasurers Hands.* may remain in the Custody of Two Honest Men, in the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts, by Common Assent thereto to be chosen, and for the Necessity and Profit of the said Town, of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts, when Need shall be, out of the Custody of the said Two Men, shall be expended; the which said Two Men *Treasurers to be accountable.* shall be accountable thereof, before the Mayor of *Bristol*, for the Time being, and others to that Purpose deputed by the Commonalty of the said Town of *Bristol*; and if any one of the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, or Precincts thereof, for the future, shall be Rebellious and Disobedient, and will not agree to the Ordinance of the said Mayor, Sheriff, and Forty Men, who for that Time shall be; and also if there be any Leaders, Associates, Procurers, Abettors, or Maintainers, to make Disturbance, whereby Discord between the Commonalty of the said Town and the said Mayor and Sheriff, and other Officers, who keep the Peace of us and our Heirs, and Government of the same Town; or to make Debates and Discord on the Election of the *Disturbance at Election of Officers.* Mayor, Sheriff, or any other Officer of the said Town, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same, or to the

the Performance of any of the Ordinances, which be Establish'd or Ordained, or to be Ordained by Common Consent, as aforesaid, for the Profit and Necessity of the said Town of *Bristol*, the Suburbs and Precincts; they shall forthwith, by the Mayor and Sheriff of the said Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, according to the Quantity and Quality of the Offence, according to the Law and Custom of our Kingdom of *England*, in due Manner be punished. And also we have granted for us and our Heirs, to the *Burgesses* aforesaid, That besides the Liberties and Privileges aforesaid, to the said *Burgesses* now as aforesaid granted; and notwithstanding our said Grants, or any Thing in the same contained, the said *Burgesses*, their Heirs and Successors, for ever, shall have all other Liberties and Privileges, as well by our Progenitors, as by us heretofore granted, and shall hold all their Customs and Advantages, as they and their Predecessors ever hitherto from the Time when the said Liberties and Privileges to the said *Burgesses*, by our said Progenitors, or by us, were so Granted; or else, from the Time whereof no Man can remember; and the same other Liberties, Freedoms, and Customs, together with the Profits, thereof arising, shall have, use, and enjoy, without

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the Let or Interruption of us, or our Heirs, Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs, or other Bailiffs, or Officers, of us, or our Heirs whatsoever: *Wherefore we* ^{An Injunction for quiet} will, and strictly Command, for us and our Heirs, ^{Enjoyment} *thereof.* That the said *Burgeesses*, their Heirs, and Successors, may have all and singular Liberties and Freedoms aforesaid, and the same may fully enjoy and use, forever, in Form aforesaid; these being Witnesses, the Reverend Fathers *William*, Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*, Primate of all *England*; *William*, Bi-^{Witnesses to the Charter.} shop of *Winchester*; *John*, Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells*; *William*, Bishop of *Worcester*; *Edmund*, Earl of *Cambridge*; *Edmund*, E. of *March*; *John Knivett*, our Chancellor; *Richard Leftrop*, our Treasurer; *William Lattimore*, our Chamberlain; and others. Dated by our Hand at *Woodstock* the 8th of *August* in the Year of our Reign ^{Dated at Woodstock August 8.} of *England* the 47th, but of our Kingdom of 47 *Edw. III.* *France*, the 34th. We have also certain of our Letters Patents, by which we have caused to be exemplified, a certain Perambulation, by our ^{Perambulation of the County.} Commandment, made upon the Metes and Divi- sions between the said Counties of *Gloucester* and *Somerset*, and the said County of *Bristol*, by the Ends and Bounds aforesaid, made and returned into our Chancery, in these Words; *EDWARD, K. Edw. III.*

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by the Grace of God, King of England and of France, and Lord of Ireland. To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. We have seen a certain Perambulation upon the Metes and Divisions between the Counties of *Gloucester* and *Somerset*, and the County of *Bristol*, made by our Commandment, and returned into our Chancery in these Words; *EDWARD, by the Grace of God, King of England, and of France, and Lord of Ireland.* Our Lord the King, hath Commanded, to the Reverend Fathers in Christ, *John*, Bishop of *Bath and Wells*; *William*, Bishop of *Worcester*; and our beloved in Christ, *Walter*, Abbot of *Glastonbury*, and *Nicholas*, Abbot of *Cirencester*, and to our beloved and faithful *Edmund Clevedon*, *Richard de Acton*, *Theobald Gorges*, *Henry Pearsehay*, *Walter Clapton*, and *John Serjeant*, Greeting. *Know ye*, That whereas the 8th of

August last, we have Granted, and by our Charter have Confirmed, for us and our Heirs, to our Well-beloved *Burgesses* of our Town of *Bristol*, and their Heirs and Successors, for ever, That the said Town of *Bristol*, with its Suburbs, and Precincts thereof, for the future, shall be separated from the Counties of *Gloucester* and *Somerset*, and in all Things exempted, as well by Land as by Water, and that it shall be a County by itself, and for ever called, *The*

The County of BRISTOL: And that the said *Bur-* Bristol a
gesses, their Heirs and Successors, for ever, shall *itself.* County by
have within the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs,
and Precincts thereof, certain Liberties and Free-
doms, and the same shall freely hold and use, as in
our said Charter is more fully contained: We willing
to be certified of the Metes and Bounds of the
said Town, Suburbs, and Precincts thereof, and
that there be a perpetual Division made between
the said Town, Suburbs, and Precincts, now being
and called the County of *Bristol*, and the Counties
of *Gloucester* and *Somerset*, by certain Metes and
Bounds; and that from henceforth the said Division
be placed by the Bounds of the Precincts of the
said Counties of *Bristol*, *Gloucester*, and *Somerset*,
by certain Metes and Bounds, so that there be no
Doubt for Time to come, touching the Metes and
Divisions of the said Three Counties, we have af-
sign'd you Nine, Eight, Seven, and Six, of you, *The Power*
our Justices, to make a faithful Perambulation be- of Commissi-
tween the County of *Bristol*, and Precincts thereof, oners to di-
as well by Land as by Water, and the said Coun- vide the
ties of *Gloucester* and *Somerset*, without the Pre-
cincts of the said County of *Bristol*, by the Oaths
as well of Knights, as other good and lawful Men,
as well of the said Counties of *Gloucester* and *So-*
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mersey, as the said County of Bristol, as well within in Liberties as without ; by whom the Truth of the Matter may be the better known : And that in your said Perambulation, there be put certain Signs, Metes, and Divisions, which for ever may be known between the said Precincts of the County of Bristol, and the said Counties of Gloucester and Somersey : And therefore, we command you, that at certain Days and Places, which you Nine, Eight, Seven, or Six, of you, shall appoint about the Premises you intend, and for the Perambulation by you

Sheriffs of the County, and Mayor of Bristol, to attend the Commissioners with a Jury. to be made in Form aforesaid ; we do command therefore, our Sheriffs of the said Counties of Gloucester and Somersey, and the Mayor of the said Town of Bristol, That at certain Days and Places, which you Nine, Eight, Seven, or Six, of you, to them shall give Notice, they cause to come before you Nine, Eight, Seven, or Six, of you, so many, as well Knights as other good and lawful Men, of their said Three Counties, as well within Liberties as without, by whom the Truth of the Matter may be the better known ; and that with all convenient

Certificate by Speed you can, you certify to us in our Chancery, the Commissioners into the Chancery. wheresoever the same shall then be, under the Seals of you Nine, Eight, Seven, or Six, of you, and under the Seals of Four of those lawful Knights which

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were present at the said Perambulation; and by what Signs, Metes, and Divisions, the said Perambulation was made. In Witness whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Myself at *Westminster* the 1st of *September*, in *Dated at* the Year of our Reign of *England* the 47th, but of ^{Westminst.} _{47 Edw. 3d.} our Kingdom of *France* the 34th. By Authority of which Letters, it was commanded by the said Justices, as well to either of the said Sheriffs of the said Counties of *Gloucester* and *Somerset*, as the Mayor of the Town of *Bristol*, that every of them should cause to come before the said Justices, Nine, Eight, Seven, or Six, of them, at **TEMPLE-GATE**, which is in the said *Town of Bristol*, and on the Confines of the <sup>Commission
executed at
Temple-
Gate.</sup> Three Counties aforesaid, upon *Friday*, the Morrow of St. *Michael* the Archangel, then next following, Twenty-Four, as well Knights as other good and lawful Men of their Bailiwick, as well within Liberties as without, to do those Things which they shall be enjoyned, on Behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King; and also by Virtue of the Commandment aforesaid, and also of the Writ of our said Lord the King, for Attendance, to them before directed, every Sheriff and Mayor aforesaid, before the aforesaid *Edmund Clevedon*,

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*Richard de Acton, Theobald Gorges, Henry Pearse-
hay, Walter Clapton, and John Serjeant, at the
Place aforesaid, called Temple-Gate, upon the Fri-
day, shall return a certain Pannel of Twenty-Four,
as well Knights, as other good and lawful Men,
&c. as well within Liberties as without, to do
those Things which, &c. at which Day, before
the aforesaid Edmund, Richard, Theobald, Henry,
Walter Clapton, and John Serjeant, at Temple-Gate,*

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*That all those who had
any Evidence to give for making the Metes and
Divisions aforesaid, should shew and declare them ;
and all such Evidences so offered and declared,
as well by the said Justices, as by Twelve, as
well Knights, as other good and lawful Men of
every of the said Three Counties, for that Pur-
pose elected and sworn, to be heard and understood,
and with full and mature Deliberation examin-
ed ; the said Justices did proceed to make their
Perambulation upon the Metes and Divisions a-
foresaid, by the Oaths of the good and lawful
Men aforesaid ; that is to say, Robert Chedre,
Walter Frampton, Walter Derby, Elias Spilly,
ard Bromdon, William Coombe, John Hackston,
Sen. William Woodford, William Somervell, John
Viell, Henry Viell, and John Somervell, of the
12 of Bristol. afore-*

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aforesaid County of *Bristol*; *Ralph Wallis, John Crooke, John de Weston, Jun. John Kent of Wick, 12 of Gloucester.* *Robert Athay, John Westburn, Lawrence Campe, John Wickenwick, Will. Attmull, Robert Overnon, Rob. Tollar, and Tho. Attheath of the County of Gloucester*; and *John Becket, Walter Lawrence, Simon Draicott, John Babington, Richard Calweton, Richard Oldmixon, Richard Sheyne, of Aſb- 12 of Somer- ton; Richard English, William Lambrook, Thomas Attmull, Richard Neal, and John Arthur, of the aforesaid County of Somerset*; who do say, upon their Oaths, That the Metes and Bounds between *The Verdict* the Divisions of the aforesaid Three Counties of *upon the Perambula- Glouceſter, Somerset, and Bristol*, are thus; *that is to say*, That the Perambulation shall begin at the End of the Common Wall of the said Town of *Bristol*, which doth extend from a certain Tower of the said Town, called *Tower-Harraz*, in the Water of *Avon*, on the West-Part of the same Town; which said Water there, is divided between the said County of *Glouceſter*, on the North-Part, and the said County of *Bristol*, on the South-Part; and so from the End of the said Wall, ascending, by the Brink of the Water of *Avon*, directly towards the East, unto a Stone, lately set at the End of a Ditch of a certain Croft, call'd the *Hales*; which

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Ditch is between the said County of *Bristol* and the said County of *Somerset*, on the South-Side of the said County of *Bristol*; and from the End of the said Ditch, Linewise by the said Ditch, on the North-Side of the said Ditch, towards the West, unto a great Stone fixed at the West-Corner of the same Ditch, by the King's Highway, which leadeth from *Temple-Gate* towards *Bath*; and from the said Stone, by the said Highway, by the Ditch thereof, towards the South of the East-Part of the said Way, unto another Stone fixed at the East-Part of a certain Bridge, call'd *Pile-Hill-Bridge*; and from that Stone unto a Well, in the Way towards the said Bridge; and from that Stone, directly towards the West, unto another Stone fixed next the Hedge of *Adleburham*, between the King's Highway which leads from the Town of *Bristol* towards *Pensford* and the said Hedge; and so descending Northwards by the said Way, towards *Bristol*, to a Stone fixed in the North-Corner of a certain Meadow, call'd *Ware-Mead*; and from that Corner, directly towards the West, by a certain Ditch, unto a great Stone set in the Corner of the said Ditch, in the same Meadow; and from the said Stone, towards the North, by a certain Ditch, unto another great Stone set in another Corner of

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the same Meadow; and so directly by the same Ditch, towards the West, unto another great Stone set next the said Meadow, in a Corner of a Ditch of a certain Close, which heretofore was the Brothers of *Lattimore*; and from that Stone, by another Ditch, towards the North, unto another great Stone set under the Ditch, next to the Head of a certain Lane, call'd *Red-Lane*; and from that Stone, directly towards the West, unto another great Stone fixed under the Ditch of *Ergle's-Croft*; and from thence, by the same Ditch, towards the South, unto another great Stone set in the Corner of the same Ditch; and from that Stone, Linewise, by the Ditch of the same Croft called *Ergle's-Croft*, Westward, unto another great Stone set in the West-Part of the Foot-Way which leads from *Knoll* towards the Church of *Redclift*; and from the same Stone, by the same Foot-Path, Northwards, unto a great Stone set near a Wall in the East-Corner of the Church-yard of *Redclift*; and from thence, Southwards, by the Midst of a certain Lane which leadeth towards the Meadow of *Langmead*, unto another Stone fixed in the same Meadow, at a Corner of a certain Croft of the Master of the Hospital of St. *John the Baptist* of *Bristol*, called *Long-Croft*; and from thence, in the said Meadow,

directly by a Ditch Northwards, unto another great Stone set in another Corner of the same Meadow of *Langmead*; and from that Stone, directly Westward, by a certain Gutter or Trench, which doth extend itself by a certain Croft, called *Locking*, in the South-Part of the same Trench, unto another great Stone fixed in the Corner of a certain little Croft; and from thence, by a certain Ditch, in the East-Part of the said Ditch, Northwards, unto another great Stone fixed at the Head of the Ditch in the King's Highway, which leads from *Bristol* towards *Bedminster*; and from the same Stone, directly Westward, by a certain Ditch on the South-Part of the same King's Highway, unto the Middle of the Bridge, called *Brightnee-Bridge*; and from thence, directly towards the North, by a certain Ditch, of the West-Part of the same Ditch, unto a Stone fixed in a Meadow, called *Katherine-Mead*, at the Corner of a certain Croft, called *Cardiff's-Croft*; and from thence, by the Ditch of the same Croft, which extendeth itself towards the East, unto another great Stone set in the said Meadow, in a certain Corner of the said Meadow, and from thence by another certain Ditch, which extendeth itself toward *Tren-Mill*, unto another great Stone set

set in the North Corner of the said Meadow, called *Katherine-Mead*; and from thence, by a certain Ditch, directly towards the West, unto the Thred of Water of *Bishop's-Worth-Brook*, at the West-Head of the same Ditch; and so on to the other Side of the said Water, Northwards, unto a Stone set in the North-Part of the same Water, at the West-Head of a Ditch of a certain Close of the Abbot of St. *Angustine's* of *Bristol*; and from thence, strait along Eastward, from the North-Part of the Pool of *Tren-Mill*, unto a great Stone set upon the Mill-Bay of the same Mill; and from the same Stone, directly on the North-Part of the same Mill, unto another Stone fixed upon the Water of *Avon*, near the said Mill; and from the same Stone, directly towards the North, in the Water of *Avon*, which is there in the West-Part of the said County of *Bristol*; and so by the Brim of the said Water of *Avon*, towards the South-West- Part of the said Water, unto *Crockern-Pill*; and from thence, West- Crockern- ward, by the Brink of the River of *Severn*, on Pill, the South-Part of the same Water of *Severn*, unto the Parts of *Headford*; and from thence, by the Brink of the said Water of *Severn*, towards the West, in the South-Part of the same Water, unto

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Hoe. a Stone called *Clevedon's-Hoe*; and from thence, directly towards the West, in the Water of *Severn* aforesaid, unto the North Corner of a certain Island in the same Water, called *Steep-Holm*; which said Island is divided between the said County of *Somerset* on the South-Part, and the aforesaid County of *Bristol* on the East-Part, and the aforesaid County of *Gloucester* on the North-Part; and so from the aforesaid Island of the *Steep-Holm*, directly towards the North, in the same Water of *Severn*, unto the South Corner of another certain Island in the same Water, called *Flat-Holm*; and from thence, directly Eastward in the same Water, unto the South-Corner of a certain little Island, called the *Dinny*; and thene directly East in the said Water, unto *Avon* Road, which is on the North-Part of the said Water of *Avon*; and from thence, by the Brink of the said Water of *Avon*, on the North-Part of the same Water, towards the East, unto a certain great Stone fixed upon the said Water of *Avon*, near a certain little Brook, call'd *Woodwell's-Lake*, on the East-Part of the same Brook; and from thence, ascending directly towards the North, by the Course of the same Brook, from a great Stone, to a great Stone fixed nigh the same Brook, unto a great Stone set nigh the Conduit

Conduit of the Abbot of St. *Augustine* of *Bristol*, on the West-Part of the same Conduit; and from thence, ascending towards the North, by a certain Lane, call'd *Woodwell's-Lane*, on the West-Part of the same Lane, from a great Stone, to a great Stone fixed for the Bounds of the same Lane, unto a certain Stone fixed nigh a certain Wall, call'd *Langcroft-Wall*, in the same Lane, unto another Stone fixed near the Corner of a certain Field, call'd *Bartholomew-Close*; and from thence, by the Ditch of the same Field, Northwards from the West-Part of the same Ditch, unto a Stone fixed in the Corner of a certain Close, call'd *Foking-Grove*; and from thence, directly Eastward, by a certain long Ditch, from Stone to Stone, unto a Stone fixed in the North-Corner of a certain Close, call'd *Cantock's-Close*; and from thence, by the Ditch of the same Close, directly Eastwards, in the North-Part of the same Ditch, to a Stone set at the East-Corner of a certain Croft of the Religious Houses of *Magdalen* and *Bartholomew* of *Bristol*; and from thence, directly Southwards, by a Ditch of the same Croft, unto another Stone set in another Corner of the same Croft; and from thence, directly by another Hedge, Eastward from the North-Part of the same Hedge, unto the King's

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Highway from *Bristol* to *Henbury*; and so by the same Way, directly Northwards, in the West-Part of the same Way, unto a certain *Cross*, call'd *Bewell's-Cross*; and from thence, still Northwards, unto a Stone fixed near *Bewell's-Well*, on the East-Part of the same Well; and from that Stone, directly Eastwards, on the other Side of the King's Highway, to another Stone fixed on the Eastern-Part of the said Highway, near unto the said Way; and from thence, turning back, directly Southwards, from the East-Part of the same King's Highway, unto another Stone set near the said *Cross*, on the East-Side of the same Cross; and from thence, directly towards the South, on the East-Part of the same Way, unto a great Stone set in the said King's Highway, at the Head of a Ditch of a certain *Croft*, call'd *Brompton's-Close*; and from the same Stone, by the said Ditch, Eastward from the North-Part of the same Ditch, unto another Stone set in the East-Head of the same Ditch; and from thence towards the South, by another Ditch on the East-Part of the same Ditch, unto another Stone set in the Corner of the same Ditch; and from thence, directly Westwards, by a certain other Ditch, unto another Stone set at the Head of a certain *Lane*, call'd, *The Mill-Lane*;

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and from thence, descending Southwards, by another Ditch, unto a Stone set in a Corner of the same Ditch, near to a certain Close, call'd, *Prior's-Croft*; and from thence, by another Ditch, Eastward, unto another Stone set at the End of the same Ditch, in a certain Way, call'd *Maudlin-Lane*; and so a-cross the Way, by another Ditch Eastward, in the North-Side of the same Ditch, unto a Stone set in the Corner of the same Ditch; and from thence, directly Southwards, by another Ditch, unto a Stone set in another Corner of the same Ditch; and from the same Stone, directly Westwards, by another Ditch on the South-Part of the same Ditch, unto another Stone set in the Corner by the Ditch of the same Close, call'd *Prior's-Close*; and thence, descending by the same Ditch, Southwards, unto a Stone set in the Corner of the same Ditch, very near *Prior's-Orchard*; and from thence, by the long Ditch of the Close of the Priors of St. James, Eastward, from a great Stone, to a great Stone, unto a Stone set at the East-Corner of a certain little Close, call'd, *Dove-Croft*; and so from the same Stone, descending Southwards, by the Ditch of the same Close, unto a Stone set in the Highway, which leads from *Bristol* towards *Thornbury*, at the South

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Corner of the same Ditch ; and from thence, by the same Way, Northwards, in the West-Part of the same Way, to a Stone set in the same Way, over-against a certain Foot-Way, call'd, *Apes-herd* ; and from the same Stone, from the other Side of the same Way, Eastward, unto another Stone set upon a certain little Burrow near the *Apesherd* ; and from thence, Eastward, by a certain Ditch, on the North-Side of the same Ditch, to a Stone set in the Corner of the same Ditch ; and so descending by the Midst of a certain Ditch, Southwards, unto another Stone set at the South-End of the same Ditch ; and thence directly Eastward, by the Middle of a Ditch, of a certain Close, call'd *Meer-Furlong*, unto a great Stone set at the Corner of the same Ditch ; and thence descending, Southwards, by the Middle of another Ditch of the same Close, unto a certain Stone set in a Corner near the Ditch of a certain Close, call'd *Bean-Flower-Croft* ; and thence, directly Eastward, by the Ditch of the same Close, unto another Stone fixed in another Corner of the same Close ; and thence, Southwards, by another Ditch of the same Close on the East-Part of the same Ditch, unto a Stone set in the East-Corner of the same Close ; and

and from thence, by another Ditch, Eastward, unto a certain Stone set in the Corner of a certain Croft, call'd *Langsdowen's-Land*; and from thence, Northwards, from the Midst of another Ditch of the same Croft, unto the North-Corner of the same Ditch; and so from a great Stone, to a great Stone, as they are set for Bounds, by a certain long Ditch, Eastwards, to a great Stone set in the Corner of a certain Croft, call'd *Cock's-Croft*; and from thence, directly Northwards, by another Ditch, unto a great Stone set in the Corner of the same Croft; and so by another Ditch of the same Croft, Eastward, unto another Stone set in another Corner of the same Croft; and thence, directly Southward, by another Ditch of the same Croft, unto another Stone set in another Corner of the same Croft, near a certain Close, call'd, *The Picked-Croft*; and thence, directly Eastward, by the Ditch of the same Close of *Picked-Croft*, unto a Stone set in the Corner of the same Croft, next the Way which leads from *Bristol* towards *Stoak*; and from the same Stone, by another Ditch of the same Close, Southwards, unto another Stone set in another Corner of the same Close; and from the same Stone, directly Westward, by another Ditch of the same Close, on the

South-Part of the same Ditch, unto another great Stone set on the other Side of the said Way, which leads towards *Stoak*, in the Corner of a certain little Close, call'd, *Wrington's-Croft*; and from the same Stone, by the Ditch of the same Close, directly Southwards, unto a Stone set in another Corner of the same Close, in the Way which leads from *Bristol* towards *Lokenbrig*; and from that Stone, by the Ditch of the same Close, directly Westward, unto a Stone set in the North-Part of the Way which leads from *Bristol* towards the Conduit of the said Town, call'd the *Key-Pipe-Conduit*; and from thence, directly Westward, by a certain long Ditch, from Stone to Stone, on the South-Part of the same Ditch, unto a Stone set next unto a certain Well, call'd *Beggars-Well*, on the North-Part of the same Well; and from the same Stone, directly Southward, from the East-Part of a certain Garden, call'd *Ditch's-Orchard*, unto a certain Stone set on the Water of *Froom*, in the North-Part of the same Water; and so Linewise by the same Water, on the North-Part of the same Water, Westward, to a Stone set upon the same Water, over-against a great Ditch of the Town of *Bristol*; and thence, directly Eastward, on the other Side of the same Water

Water of *Froom*, unto a Stone set in the South-Part of the same Water, in the aforesaid great Ditch of the same Town; and from that Stone, directly by the same Ditch, to a great Stone set beyond the Gate of the same Town, call'd *Lawford's-Gate*, near to the said Gate; and from that Stone, directly Eastward, from Stone to Stone, in the same great Ditch, to the Stone set at the *East-Corner* of the same great Ditch; and from that Stone, directly Westward, from Stone to Stone, by the same Ditch, unto another Stone set at the End of the same Ditch, and from that Stone, a-cross, Northwards, unto a Stone set in a Corner under the same Ditch; and from thence, descending Westwards from the South-Part of the Church-yard of *St. Philip*, to a Stone set in a Corner of a Ditch of the *King's-Orchard*; and so by the same Ditch, Northwards, by the West-Part of a certain Lane, call'd *St. Philip's-Lane*, to a Stone fixed on the Ditch of the Castle of *Bristol*, near the Gate of the same Castle, call'd *Nether-Gate*; and from the same Stone, still by the same Ditch of the Castle, on the North-Part of the same Ditch, to the Gate of the same Town, call'd *Newgate*; and from the same Gate, Westward, on the West-Part of the Ditch, call'd, *The Moat-Ditch*, of the same Castle,

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tion to be
made thereof.*

to a Stone set in the Corner of the same Ditch; and from the same Stone, directly Southward, in the West-Part of the same Ditch of the Castle aforesaid, to the Line of the Water of *Avon*; and so by the same Line of the said Water of *Avon*, directly Eastward, to the aforesaid End of the Common Wall of the said Town of *Bristol*, which doth extend it self from the said Line of Water there, Westward, unto the said Tower, call'd *Tower-Harraz*; at which End of the Wall aforesaid, the said Perambulation was begun: The which Bounds, for Signs, Metes, and Divisions, between the said Counties, as before is said, the said Justices do put, establish, and adjudge, for ever, to endure. And it is commanded to every of the said Sheriffs, That they make publick Proclamation in all Places of their Bailiwickes, where they shall think it most convenient, That all and singular Persons of their said Bailiwickes, the Metes and Divisions aforesaid, by the aforesaid Justices, in the Perambulation set, established, and adjudg'd, inviolably they keep and observe, for ever. *In Testimony* of all which, as well the aforesaid Justices, as *Robert Chedre* and *Walter Frampton*, of the aforesaid County of *Bristol*; *Ralph Walles* and *John Crook*, of the aforesaid County of *Gloucester*; and *John Becket*

Becket and Walter Lawrence, of the County of Somerset, aforesaid, Jurors, present at the making the said Perambulation, have put their Seals: And We also the Tenor of the aforesaid Perambulation, at the Request of our well-beloved the Mayor and *Burgesses* of the said Town of *Bristol*, by Virtue of these Presents, have thought fit to exemplify. *In Witness* whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. *Witness* My self, at *Westminster*, the 30th of *October*, in the 47th Year of our Reign of *England*, but the 34th Year of our Reign of *France*. We, by the Consent and Agreement of the Prelates, Nobles, Great Men, and Commons, in our Parliament at *Westminster*, call'd on the Morrow of St. *Edmund*, King and Martyr, last past, have Ratified, Approved, and Confirmed, the said Charter of Ours, and all and singular Grants, Liberties, and Privileges, and other Things whatsoever in the same Charter contained and specified: Which Perambulation aforesaid, by our Letters Patents exemplified, touching the Metes and Divisions so made between the said Counties of *Gloucester* and *Somerset*, and the aforesaid County of *Bristol*, by the Ends and Bounds aforesaid; the same Letters, and all, and every Thing in the same Letters contained, to the said *Burgesses* of *Bristol*, their Heirs and

*Dated at
Westminster.
30 Oct. 47
Edw. III.*

*This Charter
confirm'd by
Parliament.*

and Successors, for us and our Heirs, for ever, by the Tenor of these Presents, we do Ratify, Approve, and Confirm, as the Charters, and our Letters aforesaid, do more fully testify. *In Witness* whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be

Dated at Westminster, the
20 Dec. 47
Edw. III.

made Patents. *Witness* My self, at *Westminster*, the 20th of *December*, in the 47th Year of our Reign of *England*, but the 34th of our Reign of *France*. *We have also seen* several other of our said Grandfather's Letters Patents, lately made in these Words;

K. Edw. III. EDWARD, by the Grace of God, King of England, and of France, and Lord of Ireland. To all People to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Malefactors
wandering
by Night and
by Day.

Because (as we understand) That very many Malefactors, and Disturbers of our Peace, in our said Town of *Bristol*, do wander and run about by Day and by Night, doing Damage, Hurt, and Mischief, to Men thereabouts, in divers Ways, to the great Terror there of our said People, and to the manifest Breach of our said Peace: We, desiring that our said Peace in our said Town of *Bristol*, as in other Places of our said Kingdom of *England*, firmly may be observ'd: And willing that the Disturbers and Breakers of our Peace be duly punished as they ought, we have Granted, for us and our Heirs, to our well-beloved the Mayor, Bailiffs, and good Men,

Men, of the said Town of *Bristol*, to make, of new, one * Place for Prisoners within the said * Dolium. Town, and may have and hold the same to them, *A Goal for Prisoners and Night-walkers, as in London.* and their Successors, forever, to imprison in the same, such Malefactors, or Disturbers of our Peace, if it shall happen any be found wandring there in the Night, in such Manner as is used in our City of *London*. We have Granted also, for us and our Heirs, to the said Mayor, *Burgesses*, and good Men, That they, and their Successors, for the better keeping the Assize of Bread in the said Town, to be had for the future, shall make such Punishment to Bakers breaking the Assize, there; *that is to say*, such Bakers offend- *BAKERS breaking the Assize, to be punished.* ing the Assize, to be drawn upon Sleds through the Streets of the said Town; and otherwise punished, to be punished, as is in like Manner used to such Bakers in our said City of *London*. *In Witness* whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. *Witness*, our most beloved Son, *Lionell*, Keeper of *England*, at *Reading*, 24th of *April*, in the 21st Year of our Reign of *England*, *Dated at Reading 24 April,* but the 8th of our Reign of *France*. We hav- *21 Edw. III* ing Ratified and Confirmed, for us and our Heirs, all and singular the Grants, Confirmations, Perambulations, Liberties and Privileges, and all other Things

Things in the said Charter and Letters aforesaid contained and specified, do, for us and our Heirs, *Confirmation of the Grants* to the said *Burgeesses* of *Bristol*, their Heirs and Successors, for ever, as much as in us lieth, by Virtue of these Presents, Grant and Confirm the same, as the Charters, Letters, and Confirmations aforesaid, do reasonably testify. *In Witness* whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made *Dated at* Patents. *Witness* My self, at *Westminster*, 8th of *February*, in the First Year of our Reign. *We* *have moreover perused* certain other of our Letters Patents, of Confirmation, which we have lately made to the said *Burgeesses*, in these Words; *K. Rich. II.* **RICHARD**, by the Grace of God, King of England, and of France, and Lord of Ireland. To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting. *We have seen* the Charter of our Lord **EDWARD**, our Grandfather, made in these Words; *K. Edw. III.* **EDWARD**, by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitain. To Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Provosts, Officers, and all Bailiffs, and his faithful People, Greeting. *We have seen* the Charter which our Lord **HENRY**, formerly King of England, our Grandfather, of *K. Hen. III.* good Memory, in these Words; **HENRY**, by *the*

the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland,
Duke of Normandy and Acquitain, and Earl of An-
jou. To Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors,
Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Provosts, Officers,
and to all Bailiffs, and his faithful People, Greeting.
Know ye, That we have granted, for us and our
Heirs, to our *Burgeesses* of *Redclift*, in the Suburbs
of *Bristol*, That they, for ever, with our *Burgeesses*
of *Bristol*, shall answer before our Justices, as our
said *Burgeesses* of *Bristol* do answer, and where they
answer, and not elsewhere. Wherefore, we Will,
and firmly Command, for us and our Heirs, that,
our, the said *Burgeesses* of *Redclift*, in the Suburbs
of *Bristol*, do answer, with our *Burgeesses* of
Bristol, before our Justices, as our said *Burgeesses*
of *Bristol* do answer, and where they answer, and
not elsewhere, as is aforesaid: These being Wit-
nesses; *Richard*, Earl of *Cornwall*, our Brother;
Richard de Clare, Earl of *Gloucester* and *Hert-
ford*; *John Maunsell*; *Provost Beverlacy*; *Warino
de Mounthanes*; *Ralph*, the Son of *Nicholas*; *Ri-
chard de Grey*; *John de Grey*, Justice of *Chester*;
Pauline Paynre; *Robert de Muscugro/s*; *William
de Bellemont*; *Robert de Nerreys*; and others.----
Given under our Hand at *Woodstock*, the 28th of July, in the 31st Year of our Reign. We have
also 31 Reg.

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Dated at
Woodstock
28 July,
also 31 Reg.

CHARTERS.

also seen the Charter of Confirmation, which the
Lord EDWARD, our Father, of famous Memory,
late King of England, hath made to his Burgesseſ
K. Edw. II. of Bristol in these Words; EDWARD, by the
Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland,
and Duke of Aquitain.---- To Arch-Bishops, Bi-
shops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, She-
riſſs, Provoſts, Officers, and to all Bailiſſs, and his
faithful People, Greeting. We have ſeen the Char-
ter of Confirmation, which the Lord EDWARD,
our Father, of worthy Memory, late King of Eng-
land, hath made to his Burgesſeſ of Bristol in these
K. Edw. I. Words; EDWARD, by the Grace of God, King
of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aqui-
tain.--- To Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors,
Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriſſs, Provoſts, Officers,
and to all Bailiſſs, and other our faithful People,
Greeting. We have ſeen the Charter which JOHN,
of good Memory, Earl of Moreton, hath made to
his Burgesſeſ of Bristol, dwelling within the Walls
and without, unto the Metes of the Town, in
these Words; JOHN, Earl of Moreton. To all
his Men and Friends, Frenchmen and Englishmen,
Welchmen and Irishmen, now present, and in Time
to come, Greeting. Know ye, That I have grant-
ed, and by this my present Charter confirmed to
my
K. John.
then Earl of
Moreton.

my *Burgesses* of *Bristol*, dwelling within the Walls and without, unto the Bounds of the Town; *that is to say*, *Sandbrook*, *Bewell*, and *Brightne-* The antient Bounds of the Town. *Bridge*, and the Well in the Way near *Adlebury* of *Knoll*, all their Liberties and Free Customs, in *as well*, and in as free and full a Manner as they have ever enjoyed the same, either in my Time, or the Time of my Predecessors; the Liberties which are granted to them are these; *that is to say*, That no *Burgess* of *Bristol* may sue, or be No Burgess to sue or be sued out of Bristol. sued, out of the Walls of the said Town, in any Plea, except for any Pleas of Foreign Tenements that do not belong to the Hundred of the Town. and that they shall be free from Murder within Free from Murder within the Town. the Bounds of the Town; and that no *Burgess* shall wage Duel, unless he were appealed of the *Death* of any Foreigner that was killed in the Town, and who was not of the Town. And that no Man shall take an Inn within the Walls, by the Assent or Order of the Marshal, against the Will of No one to keep an Inn, without the Consent of the Burgesses the *Burgesses*. And that they shall be free from *Toll*, *Laftage*, and *Pontage*, and of all other *Customs* through all my Lands and Territories. And that none shall be Judged and Amerced in Money, but according to the Law of the Hundred; *that is to say*, by the Forfeiture of *Forty Shillings*. And

Hundred-
Court once in
7 Days.

that the Hundred-Court of *Bristol* be kept only once in Seven Days; and that in no Plea any one be charged in Meskeyningham: And they may lawfully have their Lands and Tenures, Days of Appearance and Duty, through all my Lands, whatsoever shall be due unto them: And that for Lands and Tenures within the Town, Right be done according to the Custom of the Town. And that for the Debts which were made in *Bristol*, and

Pleas to be holden in the Town.

for the Pledges there made, Pleas may be holden in the Town, according to the Custom of the Town. And that if any one, any where, of any Land, shall take Toll of the Men of *Bristol*, if he doth not deliver it again after it shall be demanded to be restored to the Provost, he may take and distrain a Ship for the same. And that no

Foreigners Foreign Merchant shall buy within the Town, of may not buy Corn, &c. but any Stranger, Hides, Corn, or Wool, but of the of the Bur-geffes, nor

Burgesse. And that no Foreigner shall have any keep a Ta-vern but in his Ship, nor sell Cloth to be cut, but in the Fair. And that no Stranger shall tarry

in the Town with his Merchandizes, to sell the same, but only Forty Days. And that no Burges

any where else within my Land or Jurisdiction, shall be attached or distrained for any Debt, unless he be Debtor or Surety. And that they may marry

To tarry but 40 Days with his Goods.

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Themselves, and Sons and Daughters, and Widows, *Liberty to Marry without License of their Lords: And that none of their Lords, by Reason of their Foreign Lands, may have the Custody or Gift of their Sons and Children not Daughters, or Widows, but only of their Tenements; which be of their Fee, until they be of Age. And that no Recognizance be made in the Town. And that none shall take Tynam in the Town, but to the Use of the Lord of the County, and that according to the Custom of the Town. And that they may grind their Corn wheresoever they will. And that they may have all their reasonable Guilds in as full Manner as they held them in the Time of Robert, and William his Son, Earls of Gloucester. And that no Burgess shall be compelled to take Sureties of any Man, except Himself be willing thereunto, altho' he be remaining upon his Ground. And I have also granted to them all their Holds, within the Walls and without, unto the aforesaid Mounds of the Town, in Houses and * Woods in Buildings, by the Water * Virgultis, and elsewhere, wheresoever it shall be, to be held in Free Burgage; that is to say, By Langable Service; which they shall do within the Walls. And I have also granted, that every one of them may amend as much as he can, in making Buildings, *Buildings on the Bank.**

ings, every where upon the Bank, and elsewhere without the Damage of the Borough and Town.

Liberty to build on void Ground. And that they may have and possess all Lands, and void Places which are contained in the said Mounds, at their Wills to build. *Wherefore I*

A Confirmation of Liberties. *Will and strictly Command, That my said Bur-
gesseſ of Brijſol, and their Heirs, shall have and*

*hold all their aforeſaid Liberties and free Customs, as aforeſaid, of Me and my Heirs, as amply, wholly, peaceably, and honourably, as ever they had the same, when well and in Time of Peace, without the Hindrance or Moleſtation of any Per-
son whatſoever.*

*Witness, Stephen Rid, my Chan-
cellor, William de Wennen, Roger de Dlan, Roger
de Newborough, Maurice de Berkly, Robert his
Brother, Hamar Deval, Simon de Marisco, Gilbert
Ralph, William de la Feleyſe, Master Benedict,
Master Peter; and many others at Brijſol. We
have also ſeen a Charter of Confirmation, which
the Lord HENRY our Father, of moft noble Me-
mory, ſometime King of England, hath made to*

*K. Hen. III. the ſaid Burgeſſeſ, in theſe Words; HENRY,
by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of
Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Acquitain, and
Earl of Anjou.--- To Arch-Biſhops, Biſhops, Ab-
bots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Juſtices, Sheriſſs, Pro-
voſts,*

voists, Officers, and to all Bailiffs, and all his faithful People, Greeting. *Know ye*, That we have seen the Charter of HENRY, King of *England*, our Grandfather, in these Words; HENRY, King of K. Hen. II. *England, Duke of Normandy and Acquitain, and Earl of Anjou.*— To Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, and to all the Men of his Land, Greeting. *Know ye*, That I have granted to my *Burgeses of Bristol*, That they be free of Toll and Passage, and all other Customs, through all my *Land of England, Normandy, or Wales*, wheresoever they or their Goods shall come. *Wherefore, I Will, and strictly command*, That they have all their Liberties, Privileges, and free Customs, freely, fully, and honourably, as my free and faithful Men; and that they may be free from Toll and Passage, and all other Customs: And I forbid that any one disturb them hereupon, contrary to this my Charter, on Ten Pounds Forfeiture. *Witness, Thomas Kant; William, the King's Brother; Reginald, Earl of Cornwall; Roger, Earl of Hereford; Patrick, Earl of Salisbury; Richard de Hum, Constable; Warin the Son of Gerard, Chamberlain; Walter de Hereford; John Marshal, at Salisbury.* We therefore having Ratified and Allowed this Grant and

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*Free of Toll
and Passage
in England,
Normandy,
and Wales.*

*10l. Forfei-
ture if any
disturb.*

Confirmation. Concession, do, for us and our Heirs, Confirm the same: These being *Witnesses*, the Lord *Jocelin*, Bishop of *Bath*, and *Richard*, Bishop of *Salisbury*; *Hugh de Burgo*, Earl of *Kent*, our Justices; *William Marshall*, Earl of *Pembroke*; *Ralph* the Son of *Nicholas*; and *Richard de Argent*, our Stewards; *Henry de Capell*, and others. Given

Dated at
Westm^{inst}.
1st May, 11th Year of
Hen. 2d.

by the Hands of the Reverend Father *Ralph*, Bishop of *Chichester*, our Chancellor, at *Westminster*, the 1st of May, in the 11th Year of our Reign, *We have also seen* the Charter which our said Father in like Manner made to the said

K. Hen. III. *Burgesses*, in these Words; H E N R Y, by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy, and Acquitain, and Earl of Anjou.--- To Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Provosts, Officers, and to all Bailiffs, and to our faithful People, Greeting. *Know ye*, That we have granted, and by this our Charter Confirmed, for us and our Heirs, certain Liberties, granted to our *Burgesses* of *Bristol*, and to their Heirs, for ever, from our Lord King JOHN, our Father, whilst he was Earl of *Moreton*, by his Charter thereof, to them made; *That is to say*, That no *Burgess* of *Bristol* shall sue, or be sued, in any Plea, out
K. John.

of the Walls of the Town of *Bristol*, unless Pleas *No Burgess to sue or be sued out of the Town.* of Tenements out of the Hundred of the Town: *Free of Murder.* Also, That they shall be free of Murder within the Bounds of the Town: And also, That no *Burgess* shall wage Battle, unless he be appealed *Wage Battle* of the Death of a Foreigner, who was not of the Town, and who was killed in the Town: Also, That no *Burgess* shall be Amerced in a Penalty *None to be amerced above 20s.* of Money, but according to the Law of the Hundred; *that is to say,* to the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*: And also, That no *Burgess* may be troubled in any Plea by Miskenning: Also, That the Hundred of *Bristol* may be kept once a Week: Also, *Hundred-Court once a Week.* They shall justly have their Lands and Tenements, Fees, and Duties, whatsoever to them due. And that their Lands and Tenures which are within the Town, Right may be holden to them according to the Custom of the Town. And that of Debts that were lent in *Bristol*, and for the Pledges there given, Pleas in the Town may be *Pleas holden in the Town.* held. And if any Man, any where in the Land, shall unjustly take Toll of the Men of *Bristol*, *Toll unjustly taken, to be restored.* and it being demanded, shall not restore the same to the Provost of *Bristol*, he may for the same, take and distrain a Ship at *Bristol*, till it be restored. And that no strange Merchant may buy

Foreigners within the Town of a Foreigner, Leather, Corn,
 may not buy Wool, or other Merchandizes, but only of the
 Corn, &c. but of the Bur-
 gesses, nor
 keep a Ta-
 vern but in
 his Ship, nor
 sell Cloth to be cut, but in
 the Fair, nor
 tarry but
 40 Days
 with his
 Goods.
 Marriage
 without Li-
 cense.
 Wardships.
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 Tyne 24 Gal.
 Grinding
 Corn.
 Freedoms.
 Sureties.

Burgeses of the said Town. And that no strange Merchant may have a Tavern, but in his Ship; nor sell Cloth to be cut, but in Fairs. And that no strange Merchant may tarry in the Town with their Sons, Daughter, and Widows, without the License of their Lords: And that none of their Lords, by Reason of their Foreign Lands, may have the Custody of their Sons, Daughters, or Widows, or Marriage of them, but only the Custody of their Tenements, which be of their Fee, until they be of Age. And that none take Tynam, but to the Use of their Lord, and according to the Custom of the Town; *that is to say*, That a Tyne may contain Twenty-four Gallons; and where it is not taken, there shall be paid unto us Two-pence for the same Tyne. And that they may grind their Corn where they will. And that they may have their reasonable Guilds. And that no Burges shall be compelled to take Sureties, except he be willing, although he do remain upon his Land. And that they shall hold all their Lands and Tenements, within the Walls and without,

out, unto the Metes of *Bristol*, to be holden in Messuages, * Woods, Houses, upon the Water, and * Virgultis, elsewhere, wheresoever, in the Town, to be holden in Free Burgage; *that is to say*, By Langable Service, which they shall do within the Walls; and also the Metes of the Town are between *Sandbrook* and *Bewell*, *Brightnee-Bridge* and the Well in the Way to *Adlebury* and *Knoll*; and that every one may amend, as much as he can, in making Buildings on the Bank, and elsewhere, without the Damage of the Borough and Town-ship: And they may have all their Lands and Places, which, within their Metes, are contained, at their Pleasure to build. We have moreover granted to the same *Burgeesses* the additional Liberty, That none of them, for the future, may be molested by any of our Justices of the Forest, or any other our Bailiffs, for Venison found within the Walls of the same Town. *Wherefore*, we Will and strictly Command, for us and our Heirs, That the said *Burgeesses* of *Bristol*, and their Heirs, may have and enjoy, for ever, all Lands and Liberties aforesaid, with the free Customs aforesaid, as the Charter aforesaid of our Lord King JOHN our Father, whilst he was Earl of *Moreton*, which they have therefore, and this our Charter do reasonably testify;

Justices of the Forest not to trouble them for Venison.
Confirmation of the Charter of the Earl of Moreton.

fy; and with the Addition of Liberties aforesaid, of Venison found within the Walls of the same Town, as is aforesaid. These being *Witnesses*; the Reverend Fathers, *William*, Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells*, and *Winchester* Elect; *Richard de Clare*, Earl of *Gloucester* and *Hereford*; *Jeoffry de Legeman*, and *William de Valence*, our Brothers; *Ralph* the Son of *Nicholas*; *John Mauncell*, Provoſt of *Beverlacy*; *Bertram de Criell*; Master *William de Kilkenny*, Archdeacon of *Coventry*; *Jeoffry de Langell*; *Robert de Muscogross*; *Robert Waller*, and *Nicholas de St. Maure*; *Ralph de Bakepass*; *Roger de Lockinton*; *Robert de No-ryes*; and others. *Given* under our Hand at *Wood-*

Dated at *Woodstock* the 17th of *August*, in the 36th Year of
17 Aug. 36 our Reign. *We also have seen* a certain other

Hen. III. Charter, which our said Father likewise made to

K. Hen. III. the said *Burgesses* in these Words; **H E N R Y**,
by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of
Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Aquitain, and
Earl of Anjou. To all Arch-Bishops, Bishops,
Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs,
Provoſts, Officers, and all Bailiffs, and his faithful
People, Greeting. *Know ye, That we have Grant-*
ed, and by this our Charter, Confirmed, for us
and our Heirs, to the Burgesses of Bristol, That
they

they and their Heirs, *Burgesses* of the same Town, out of Themselves, may choose and create a Coroner in the same Town, to make Attachments of *Power to choose a Coroner.*

Pleas of our Crown, within the same Town and Liberties thereof, happening, and may answer before our Justices in their Circuits, in those Parts, concerning the Attachments by them, and others, to the Office of Coroner belonging, as our other Coroners ought, and are wont, to answer. And that the said *Burgesses*, for the Trespass or Forfeiture of their Servants, shall not lose their Chattels and Goods found in their Hands, or any where else, by the same Servants left, so far as they can sufficiently prove the same to be theirs. And also, If the said *Burgesses*, or any of them, shall die within our Land and Jurisdiction, with or without a Will, We, or our Heirs, shall not make Confiscation of their Goods, but their Heirs shall wholly have them; so that it appeareth that the same Goods were the Goods of the Deceased; and so that there be certain Knowledge, or Proof sufficiently had of the same Heirs. And that the same *Burgesses*, through all our Realm, shall have and enjoy all their Liberties and free Customs, whatsoever hitherto obtained and used, as quiet and free as the City of *London*, or any other of our Kingdom *To have their Liberties as free as in London.*

and

and Dominion, their Liberties freely have and hold. We have also granted to the said *Burgeesses*, That if they have not fully used any Articles in the said Charter to the same *Burgeesses*, of their Liberties formerly granted, the same, for the future, notwithstanding, and without Hindrance of any one, they may use, as the same Articles in the same Charter are reasonably contained. *Wherefore*, we Will and strictly Command, for us and our Heirs, That the aforesaid *Burgeesses*, and their Heirs, for ever, shall have all the Liberties aforesaid; and the same, for the future, freely, and without Disturbance of any one, for ever may use, as aforesaid. And we prohibit, on Pain of Forfeiture to us of Twenty Pounds, that any one do presume to molest or disturb them, against this our Liberty and Grant. These being *Witnesses*; *Guy de Lezuman*, and *William de Valence*, our Brothers; *John de Plesset*, Earl of *Warwick*; *Robert de Thurkley*; *Robert Walerond*; *Walkelin de Aldern*; *Nicholas de St. Maure*; *Ralph de Bakes*; *Bartholomew Bigod*; *William de St. Jermyn*; *William Gernin*; and others. Given under our Hand at *Gloucester* the 24th of *July*, in the 40th Year of our Reign, We having accepted and allowed the Grants and Confirmations aforesaid,

Neglect of Usage of Privileges no Prejudice

All Liberties shall be enjoyed.

The Disturber to forfeit 20l.

Dated at Gloucester 24 July, 40 Hen. III.

said, for us and our Heirs, to the aforesaid *Burgeffes*, and their Successors, *Burgeffes* of the same *Confirmacion* Town, as much as in us lieth do Grant and Confirm, as the said Charters do reasonably testify. *And moreover*, we have granted to the said *Burgeffes*, for us and our Heirs, That they, and their Successors, *Burgeffes* of the same Town, for ever, shall be free of Murrage, Stallage, and Pan- *Free of Murrage, Stallage, &c.* nage, through all our Kingdom and the Dominion thereof. And that they, and their Successors a- *throu' Eng-* *land.* foresaid, as often, and whensoever, they shall choose their Mayor in the Town aforesaid (the *Mayor cho-* *sen, to be* *presented to* *the Constable* *of the Castle.* Time of War only excepted) they shall present him before our Constable of the Castle of the said Town, who for the Time shall be, who him, according to the Custom, shall admit, and as such Mayors of the Town were wont formerly to *as was wont* be presented at our Exchequer, and to be admitted; and at the Charges of the said *Burgeffes*, thereof shall certify our Treasurer, and *Certificate to* *the Treas-* *urer.* Baron of our Exchequer aforesaid: These being *Witnesses*; the Reverend Fathers, *R.* Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*, Primate of all *ENGLAND*; *R.* Bishop, of *London*; *William*, Bishop of *Co-* *ventry* and *Litchfield*; and *S.* Bishop of *Salisbury*; *John de Warren*, Earl of *Surrey*; *Roger Bigod*, *Earl*

Earl of Norfolk, and Marshal of England; *Henry de Lacey*, Earl of Lincoln; *Guy de Beauchamp*, Earl of Warwick; *John de Seagrave*; *Hugh de Dispencer*; *Walter Beauchamp*, Stewards of our Household; *Roger de Brabazon*; *William de Breford*; *William Howard*; and others. Dated under our Hand at *Westminster*, the 28th of March, in the 28th Year of our Reign.

We also accepting and allowing the Grants and Confirmations aforesaid, for us and our Heirs, as much as in us lieth, to the aforesaid *Burgeesses*,

Confirmation. their Heirs and Successors, do Grant and Confirm, as the said Charter of Confirmation doth reasonably witness; and as the same *Burgeesses* and their Predecessors, *Burgeesses* of the same Town, the Liberties and Freedoms in the same Charter contained, hitherto have reasonably used and enjoyed: These being *Witnesses*; our best belovèd Brother, *Edmund Earl of Kent*; *John de Brittain*, Earl of Richmond; *Edmund*, Earl of Arundell; *Thomas Wake*; *John de St. John*, of *Bassing*; *Ralph de Gorges*; *Gilbert Pitchi*, Steward of our Household; and others. Given under our Hand

Dated at
Glocester
17 Februa.
15 Hen. III. *Year of our Reign.* And We approving and *Confirmation* allowing the Gifts, Grants, and Confirmations a-

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foresaid, do, for us and our Heirs, as much as in us lieth, Grant and Confirm to the said *Burgeesses*, their Heirs and Successors, as the said Charter do reasonably testify. Moreover, we being willing to shew the said *Burgeesses* our especial Grace, in this Behalf, have granted to them, for us and our Heirs, that altho' they, their Ancestors, or Predecessors, have not used any of *Non Usage of the Privileges no Prejudice.* the Liberties or Freedoms in the same Charter contained, in any Case hitherto happening, yet, the same *Burgeesses*, their Heirs and Successors, the Liberties and Freedoms, aforesaid, and every of them, for the future, shall fully enjoy and use, without any Interruption or Disturbance of *Without Disturbance.* us, or our Heirs, or of any Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs, Coroners, or any other our Bailiffs, or Officers whatsoever. Moreover; whereas, we understand, That the Lands and Tenements, Goods and Chattels of Orphans and Children, in the same Town, and Suburbs of the same, being under Age, which by the Mayor of the same Town, ought to be committed to certain Keepers, who therefore to the said Orphans, and Children, when they shall come of Age, might answer, according to the Custom in the same Town hitherto obtained. And this is granted, for that

such Keepers and their Sureties Themselves, from the same Town have gone away, and the Lands and Tenements in the same Town and Suburbs, have made Sale of, nor had they there, whereof the Justices might satisfy the said Orphans and Children, at the due Time, of the Goods and Chattels by them so receiv'd, before those Times very much wasted and lost, to the manifest Damage, Loss, and impoverishing those Orphans and Children: *We*, at the Request, of the said *Burgesses*, being willing to provide a seasonable Remedy for the said Orphans and Children, in this Behalf have granted, for us and our Heirs, and by this our Charter have confirmed to the same *Burgesses*, their Heirs and Successors, That the Mayor of the said Town for the Time being, for ever, may receive from all and singular Persons, whatsoever, the Custody of the Lands and Tenements, Goods and Chattels, of such Orphans and Children as have been so committed, and from their Sureties Recognizances, of all Sums of Money, at certain Times to be paid the said Orphans and Children; and the same Sums so acknowledged of the Lands and Tenements, Goods and Chattels, of the said Keepers, and their Sureties, in the Town and Suburbs aforesaid, being

*The Mayor
to have
Power.*

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at the Suit and Election of the said Orphans and Children, and their Executors, to whose Hands the Lands and Tenements are to come, to levy, or the Moiety of their Lands and Tenements, together with those Goods and Chattels, amounting to the said Sum so acknowledged, to be bound to pay to the said Orphans and Children, or to their Executors, as Free Tenements, according to the Form of the Statute of such Recognizances at *Westminster* set forth. *Moreover*; whereas, by an Inquisition, at our Commandment taken, and in our Chancery returned, by our well-beloved and faithful *William Shareshall*, and *Robert de Acton*, it is found, That the aforesaid *Burgeesses*, and their Ancestors, and Predecessors, *Burgeesses* of the said Town, Time out of Mind, have always hitherto had the View of *Frank Pledge* in the Town, and Suburbs thereof; *with all Things belonging to such a View, of the Men in the same Town and Suburbs dwelling*; and the said *Burgeesses*, fearing hereafter they may be troubled and impeached, because, hitherto, they have had no especial Warrant for the same, by any Charter of our Progenitors, We, for the Good Service which the said *Burgeesses* have hitherto done to us, and our Progenitors,

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for what
done before.*

nitors, and also for a Fine which the said *Burgesse*s have paid unto us, willing to provide for their Security in this Behalf, have Granted, for us and our Heirs, and by this our Charter have Confirmed to the said *Burgesse*s, That they, their Heirs, and Successors, *Burgesse*s of the same Town, shall have the View of *Frank-Pledge* in the Town and Suburbs aforesaid, for ever, with all Things, to such a View belonging, of the Men in the same Town and Suburbs dwelling; willing, that the said *Burgesse*s, their Heirs, and Successors, by Reason of the View aforesaid, for Time past, by us or our Heirs, or Justices, or other our Officers whatsoever, may not be any Way troubled, molested, or grieved. Wherefore, we Will, and strictly Command, That the said *Burgesse*s, their Heirs and Successors, *Burgesse*s of the same Town, shall have all the Liberties aforesaid, for ever; and also the View of *Frank-Pledge* in the Town and Suburbs aforesaid, with all Things to the same View belonging, of the Men in the Town and Suburbs dwelling, as aforesaid: These being *Witnesses*; the Reverend Fathers, S. Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*, Primate of all *England*; J. Bishop of *Winchester*, our Chancellor; *Thomas*, Earl of *Norfolk*, and Marshal of *England*;

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J. de Warren, Earl of Surrey; Hugh de Courtney;
Henry de Piercy; Thomas Wake; Ralph de Nevil,
Steward of our Household, and others. *Given by*
our Hand at *Westminster*, the 16th of *October*, *Dated at*
in the 5th Year of our Reign. And we accept- *16 October,*
ing and allowing the Gifts, Grants, and *5 Hen. III.*
Confirmations aforesaid, for us and our Heirs, as much
as in us lieth, to our said *Burgeesses of Bristol*,
their Heirs and Successors, *Burgeesses of the Town Confirmation.*
aforesaid, by Virtue of these Presents, do Grant
and Confirm, as the said Charter of our Grand-
father doth reasonably testify, and as the same
Burgeesses, their Ancestors and Predecessors, the
Liberties and Freedoms, and other the Premises,
have wont reasonably to use and enjoy. *In Witness*
whereof, we have caused these our Letters to
be made Patents. *Witness My self at Westminster* *Dated at*
the 28th of *February*, in the 1st Year of our *Westminst.*
Reign. And we accepting and allowing the Gifts, *28 Feb.*
Grants, Confirmations, Precepts, Perambulations,
Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, Freedoms, Im-
munities, Articles, and Customs, aforesaid, and all
other Things in the said Charters and Letters
contained, explained, and specified, for us and
our Heirs, as much as in us lieth, to the aforesaid *Confirmation.*

Burgeesses,

Burgeffes, their Heirs and Successors, *Burgeffes* of the same Town, for ever, of our especial Grace, by Virtue of these Presents, we do Grant and Confirm, as the Charters and Letters aforesaid do reasonably Witness. Moreover, We, willing more abundantly to gratify the said *Burgeffes*, have Granted to the said *Burgeffes*, and by this our Charter, have Confirmed, for us and our Heirs, That altho' they, their Ancestors, or Predeceffors, hitherto in any Case happening, have not used any, or every of the Gifts, Grants, Confirmations, Precepts, Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, Freedoms, Immunities, Articles, and Customs, in the said Charters and Letters contained; yet, the said *Burgeffes*, their Heirs and Successors, as well by Land as by Water, shall hold and enjoy, for ever, the aforesaid Gifts, Grants, Confirmations, Precepts, Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, Freedoms, Immunities, Articles and Customs, and all other Things whatsoever in the said Charters and Letters contained, without the Hindrance or Disturbance of us, or our Heirs, or Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs, Coroners, or other Bailiffs, or Officers, of us, or our Heirs, whatsoever. And furthermore, at the Petition of the said *Burgeffes*, We, of the same Favour, Will and Grant, and by

Non Usage, no Prejudice.

by this our Charter, do Confirm, for us and our Heirs, to the said *Burgeses*, their Heirs, and Successors, for ever, That the Steward and Marshal, or Clerk of the Market, of the Household of us, or our Heirs, for the future, shall not sit within the Liberties of the Town aforesaid, nor their Offices there execute, nor any Thing within the same Liberties shall do, which belongs to that Office; nor any of the *Burgeses* of the Town aforesaid, nor any other Person residing within the Liberties of the same, shall any Way implead out of the Liberties of the Town aforesaid, for any Thing happening, or to happen, within the same Town.

The Stewards and Clerks of the Market of the King's House shall not sit within the Liberties of Bristol, nor sue the Burgeses out of the Liberties.

Wherefore we Will, and strictly Command, for us and our Heirs, That the said *Burgeses*, their Heirs and Successors, for ever, may have and hold, all and singular the Grants and Liberties aforesaid; and every of them, in Manner and Form above expressed, for the future, may fully enjoy and use, without the Let or Disturbance of us, or our Heirs, or of the Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs, and other Bailiffs, or Officers, of us, or our Heirs, whatsoever: These being *Witnesses*; the Reverend Fathers, *William*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, Primate of all *England*;

Thomas,

CHARTERS.

Thomas, Arch-Bishop of York, Primate of England, our Chancellor; R. Bishop of London; R. Bishop of Salisbury, and T. Bishop of Worcester; and John, Duke of Aquitain and Lancaster; Edmund, Duke of York, and Thomas, Duke of Gloucester, our most dear Uncles; Henry, Earl of Derby; Richard, Earl of Derby; Richard, Earl of Arundel; Henry, Earl of Northumberland; Roger de Walden, our Treasurer; Thomas de Piercy, Steward of our Houshold; Guy Mace, Keeper of our Privy Seal; and others. Given

*Dated at York 1 Apr.
19 Rich. II.*

*under our Hand at York the 1st of April, in the 19th Year of our Reign. And we accepting and allowing the Charters and Letters aforesaid, and all and singular Things in the same Confirmation, contained, do, for us and our Heirs, as much as in us lieth, Accept and Approve, and do Ratify and Confirm the same to our well-beloved Burges-
ses of our Town aforesaid, as the Charters and Letters aforesaid, do reasonably testify. In Wit-
ness whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. Witness My self at Westmin-*

*Dated at Westminst.
14 Decem.
1 Reg.*

ster the 14th of December, in the First Year of our Reign. We have also perused other Letters Patents of the aforesaid Lord EDWARD the Fourth, late King of England, made in these Words; ED-

WARD,

WARD by the Grace of God, King of England, K. Edw. IV
and of France, and Lord of Ireland. To all to
whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting.
Know ye, That We, of our especial Grace,
certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, and in
Consideration of the great Obedience to us ma-
ny Ways shewed by our beloved faithful Liege-
Men, the Mayor and Commonalty of our Town
of *Bristol*, have granted, and for us and our
Heirs, as much as in us lieth, do grant, to the *Grant to the
Mayor and
Commonalty.*
Mayor and Commonalty of the Town aforesaid,
and to their Heirs and Successors, for ever, That
the Town aforesaid, and Suburbs of the same,
and County of *Bristol*, and all and singular Pla-
ces within the Liberties, and Precincts thereof,
as well by Land, as by Water, shall be exempted,
seperated, parted, and discharged, from all
Manner of Power, Jurisdiction, and Office, of the *Admiral Ju-
risdiction.*
Admiral and Admirals, of our Kingdom of *Eng-*
land, and of our Heirs and Successors, and their
Commissaries, Officers, Deputies, Lieutenants, and
Ministers, whatsoever, for the Time being:-----
And that no Admiral of *England*, of us, or our
Heirs, or Successors, or his Vice-Admiral, Com-
missary, Officers, or Deputy, for the Time being,
or any other Admiral, or Admirals, Commissaries,

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Ministers,

Ministers, Officers, or Deputies, of the same Admiral, or Admirals, of us, or our Heirs, for the Time being, the Town aforesaid, nor Haven, nor Precincts, nor Port, of the same Town, nor of the County of *Bristol*, by Land, or by Water, for the Future, any Thing within the Town, Suburbs, or Precincts, of the County and Port of the same, as to the Office of Admiral doth appertain, or might belong, to enquire, do, and exercise, by any Means, may enter; but that the said Town, Suburbs, County, and all Places within the Precincts and Liberties of the same, as well by Land as by Water, shall be altogether, for ever, out of the Power, Jurisdiction, and Authority, of the said Admiral, Admirals, and their Vice-Admirals, Officers, Deputies, and Ministers, whatsoever, and that no Admiral or Admirals, of *England*, of ours, our Heirs, or Successors, nor his, nor their Vice-Admirals, Deputies, Ministers, nor Officers, aforesaid, nor any of them, within the said Town, Suburbs, or Precincts, and Port, nor within the County of *Bristol*, by Land or by Water, for any Thing appertaining, or happening, to the Office of Admiralty, shall intermit, nor meddle, *May not Intermeddle.* nor any Person, or Persons, within the same, or in any Place within the Precincts of the same, for

for any Cause whatsoever, may cite, summon, *May not cite or distrain.* distrain, attach, or take, in Person, or Goods, nor there do, exercise, nor execute, any Thing, which to that Office doth, or may appertain; nor there, may any way judicially sit by Pretence, or *None of the Town to be sued before the Admiral.* Colour, of such Office; and that none of the said Commonalty of the Town aforesaid, nor any of the *Burgesses* of the same Town, for the Time being, nor any one within the same Town, Suburbs, and County, for the Time being, resident, for the future, shall be sued, or compelled to answer, in any wise, within the same Town, Suburbs, Precincts, and County, before the aforesaid Admiral or Admirals, or their Vice-Admirals, Commissaries, Officers, or Deputies, for the Time being, at the Suit of us, or our Heirs, or Successors, or of any other Person, or in any other Manner whatsoever, concerning Things done on the Seas or elsewhere; nor of any Contracts, Covenants, Trespasses, Contempts, Misprisions, or other Offences, Things, or Matters, whatsoever, by Land or by Water, done, or any way happening; and that neither the said Mayor and *The Mayor and Commonalty not to permit the Admiral.* Commonalty, nor their Successors, nor Sheriffs of the County aforesaid, for the Time being, nor any other Person, resident, or for the Time be-

ing within the same Town, County, Liberties, and Precincts of the same, do permit the aforesaid Admiral or Admirals, nor his, nor their Vice-Admirals, Deputies, Commissaries, or Ministers, or any of them, to exercise any Jurisdiction, or such their Offices there to obey, or attend them, nor their Precepts or Commandments to be followed there, but they may lawfully, and without Punishment, resist, and in any Thing, disobey the Persons aforesaid, if they contradict this our Grant, without any Let, Molestation, Grievance, Forfeiture, Pain, or other Loss, to us or to our Heirs, or to such our Admiral, or Admirals of us or our said Heirs, for the Time being, to be had, paid, satisfied, or in any wise to be levied. *And Moreover*, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for us and our Heirs aforesaid, we have granted, and for ourselves, and our Heirs aforesaid, do grant to the said Mayor and Commonalty, their Heirs and Successors, for ever, That in case, where any thing, which to the Office of Admiralty, doth or ought to belong, or appertain, for any Contract, or Covenant, or for any other Things, done or committed upon the Sea, or elsewhere, and which, within the Town, County, Liberties, Haven, and Precincts,

Precincts, aforesaid, might, or ought, any way, for such Things or Contracts, to be reformed or corrected, or amended, to enquire, hear and determine; That then, we, and our Heirs, will grant our Commission, or Commissions, or Letters Patents, to be made under our Great Seal, in this Behalf, directed, to the Mayor and Recorder of the Town aforesaid, for the Time being, or to other Persons, whom we or our Heirs, shall appoint to be named, as often as shall be needful and requisite, to enquire of all, and all Manner of such Contracts, Agreements, Trespasses, Offences, and Things, which ought and were wont to be enquired of, and determined, by such Admiral, or in the Court of Admiralty, and to hear and determine all and singular such Contracts, Covenants, Trespasses, Offences, and Things. And if any Commission, or Commissions, or Letters Patents, shall be made contrary to this our Grant or Privilege, that then the said Commission, or Commissions, or Letters Patents, and all Things by Occasion of the same Letters Patents, made, found, or executed; and also, all and singular other Things, which by the Admiral, or Admirals, of us, or our Heirs, their Officers, Deputies, or Ministers, whatsoever, shall be found, done, and executed, contrary to this our

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will Grant
a Commission
for the Ad-
miralty, as
often as is
needful.*

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*All Things
done to the
contrary,
void.*

*Admiral of
England not
to enter.*

Forfeitures.

*To yield O-
bedience, on
shewing the
Charters.*

present Grant, shall by Force and Virtue of these Presents be void and frustrate, and in all Things, taken and reputed for nought; so that the Admiral of *England*, of us and our Heirs, for the Time being, or his Vice-Admiral, Commissary, Officer, Proctor, or Deputy, or Lieutenants, Commissaries, Officials, Proctors, or Deputies of such Admiral, for the Time being, do any way enter into the said Town, County, Suburbs, Precincts, Liberties, Haven, or other Places, aforesaid, by Land, or by Water, to the End, to do, or execute any Thing there, which to the Office of Admiralty doth, or ought to belong, or they, or any of them, do any way intermeddle within the said Town, County, Liberties, Suburbs, Haven, Precincts, or any other of the Places aforesaid: We, giving strait Commandment to such Admiral, or Admirals, of ours, or of our Heirs, for the Time being, and to their Vice-Admiral, Commissaries, Officers, Proctors, Deputies, and Servants, and to every of them, under a great Forfeiture, which they may forfeit to us or our Heirs, by Virtue of these Presents, That they, and every of them, upon the Sole exhibiting, or shewing, these Letters, in all and singular, the Premises, do yield and obey, without any Writ,

or

or any other Proces or Commandment, in that Behalf to them directed, prosecuted, or obtained, for the future, for disobeying the same, in any Part, so that express Mention of the true yearly Value, or of any other Value, of all and singular the Premises, or of any other Gifts and Grants, to the same Mayor and Commonalty, or their Predecessors, by us, or our Progenitors, before this Time made, or any other Statutes, Ordinances, or Provisions, Acts, or Restraints, to the contrary, made, or to be made, notwithstanding.

In Witness whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. *Witness* My self, at *Westminster*, the 22d of *October*, in the First *Dated at*
Year of our Reign. And Moreover, *We have* *Westminst.*
seen other Letters Patents of the said *EDWARD* *1 Edw. IV.*
the Fourth, late King of England, made in these
Words; *EDWARD, by the Grace of God, K. Edw. IV.*
King of England, and of France, and Lord of
Ireland. To all to whom these present Letters
shall come, Greeting. *Know ye*, That whereas
HENRY the Sixth, late King of England, the *K. Hen. VI.*
15th of March, in the 24th Year of his Reign, *15 March,*
by his Letters, hath committed and granted to *Ni-*
cholas Hill, then Mayor of the Town of Bristol, The Town
and Commonalty thereof, the same Town, with *granted.*

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the Suburbs of the same, and the Gates, Ditches, and Walls of the same Town, and Suburbs: And also, all those Lands and Tenements, Rents and Services, and the Flesh-Shambles, which JOAN,
Flesh Shambles. late Queen of *England*, did hold, for Term of her Life, in the same Town, of the Grant of the Lord HENRY the Fourth, formerly her Husband, likewise King of *England*, made to the said late Queen, for the Term aforesaid; together with the Houses, Shops, Cottages, Cellars, Tofts, Gardens, Mills, Pools, Water-Courses running to the same Mills, Langable Rents, Tolling-Places, Suits, Courts, Fairs, Market-Places, with whatsoever Courts in the same Town and Suburbs; with all Fines, Issues, Redemptions, and Amerciaments, in the same, forfeited, adjudged, and to be adjudged; and all other Jurisdictions and Customs, appertaining to the Town and Suburbs aforesaid, with the Appurtenances; together with the Reversion of all Lands and Tenements, Rents, and Services, whatsoever, within the Precincts of the Town aforesaid, of all and singular Tenants, for Term of Life, or Years, rent, granted, or committed by the said King HENRY the Sixth, or by any other his Progenitors, some time Kings of *England*, or by any other

*Suits and
Profits of
Courts.*

other Person whatsoever, whereof the Reversion then to the said King did belong, or any ways appertain; together with the Farms and Rents thereof reserved, (the Castle of the Town aforesaid and Ditches thereof, only excepted) but the Stream of Water running in the aforesaid Ditch, towards the Mill under the Castle, as antiently hath been accustomed, with the Banks of the same Water, by the Space of four Feet in Breadth, towards the said Castle, to the said then Mayor and Commonalty, he hath Granted, to have, hold, and occupy, all and Singular the Premises, to Them and their Successors, unto the End, and during the Term of sixty Years, next and immediately following, after twenty Years, in the Letters aforesaid specified, to be compleat, and ended. *And moreover,* He hath Granted to the said then Mayor and Commonalty, That they shall have, to them and their Successors, immediately after the said twenty Years, compleat and ended, during the said Term of sixty Years, certain Liberties, Franchises, Commodities, and other Things, under a certain Form, in his aforesaid Letters specified, yielding and paying therefore, yearly, to the said late King HENRY the Sixth, and to his Heirs, at his Exchequer, after the

*The Castle
and Ditches
excepted.*

*For 60 Years
in Reversion
of 20.*

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End of the said 20 Years, during the said Term of
Rents paya- 60 Years, One Hundred and Two Pounds, Fifteen
ble to the Shillings and Six-pence, at the Feasts of *Easter*,
King. and St. *Michael* the Archangel, by equal Porti-
Tythes to the ons; and to the Abbot of *Tewksbury*, and his Suc-
Abbot of cessors, for the Tythes of the Town, Fourteen
Tewksbury. Pounds and Ten Shillings; to the Prior of St.
Prior of St. *James*, of *Bristol*, and his Successors, for the
James for Annual Rent of the Mill of the said Town, Six-
the Mill. ty Shillings; and to the Constable of the Castle
Constable of of *Bristol*, and his Officers, for the Time being,
the Castle, &c (*that is to say,*) to the Porter of the Gate, and
 Watchman of the said Castle, and to the For-
 rester of *King's-Wood*, Thirty-Nine Pounds, Four-
 teen Shillings and Six-Pence; to be paid during
 the said Term of Sixty Years, at the aforesaid
 two Terms of the Year, by equal Portions, for all
 manner of Services and Duties, as in the said
 Letters more fully is contained. *And now*, our
 well-beloved the Mayor, and Commonalty, of our
 said Town of *Bristol*, the aforesaid Letters of the
 aforesaid King *HENRY* the Sixth, to us in our
Charter can- Chancery, have restored, to be cancelled: *We*, ac-
celled. cepting the same Restitution, the same now May-
 or and Commonalty, and their Successors, of the
 Farm

Farm aforesaid, and all and singular the Rents and Duties aforesaid, in Form aforesaid, to discharge and acquit, for ever, by these Presents; and the same Farm-Rents and Duties aforesaid, to the same now Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, we do remise and release, for ever, by these Presents. *And moreover*, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Moti-
Grant to the
Mayor and
Commonalty
The Town.
on, we have granted and committed, and by Virtue of these Presents, for us and our Heirs, as much as in us lies, we do commit to the aforesaid now Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, and to the aforesaid *Burgeesses*, their Heirs and Successors, the aforesaid Town of *Bristol*, with the Suburbs of the same, and with the Gates, Ditches, and Walls of the same Town and Suburbs; and also, all, and all Manner of Lands, Tenements, Rents, and Services, and the Flesh-Shambles, to us, within the Town aforesaid, and Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts of the same, ap-
pertaining or belonging; together with the Houses, Cottages, Shops, Cellars, Tofts, Gardens, Mills, Pools, Courses of Water to the same Mills run-
ning, Langable Rents, and Tolling Places, Pleas of Courts, Fairs, Markets, whatsoever, to us, now in the Courts of the same Town, Suburbs, Li-
berties,

Together with all the Fines, &c.

Castle excepted.

berties, and Precincts, any way appertaining and belonging; together with all Fines, Issues, Redemptions, and Amerciaments, in the same, forfeited and adjudged, and to be forfeited and adjudged; together with all other Jurisdictions, Customs, and Appurtenances, of the Town and Suburbs aforesaid, with the Appurtenances; together with the Reversion of all Lands and Tenements, Rents, and Services, within the Town, Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid, of any Tenants, for Term of their Lives or Years, by us, or any our Progenitors, sometime Kings of *England*, or by any other whatsoever, granted or committed, whereof the Reversion, at present, to us any ways appertaineth or belongeth; together with the Farms and Rents thereof reserved, (the Castle of the Town aforesaid, and Ditch thereof, only excepted;) yet the Stream of Water, running in the aforesaid Ditch towards the Mill, under the Castle, as anciently hath been accustomed; with the Banks of the same Water, by the Space of four Feet in Breadth, towards the Castle aforesaid, which we, to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, and the aforesaid *Burgesses*, their Heirs and Successors, by Virtue of these Presents, do grant to the said now

Mayor

Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, (and to the same *Burgeesses*, their Heirs and Successors, wholly reserve) to have, hold, and enjoy, all and singular the aforesaid Premises, to the now Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, and to the aforesaid *Burgeesses*, their Heirs and Successors, from the Feast of St. *Michael* last past, for ever. *And moreover*, we have granted, for us and our Heirs, to the same now Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, and to the aforesaid *Burgeesses*, their Heirs and Successors, That they, for ever, from the same Feast of St. *Michael*, may have, to them and their Successors, all Fines, Redemptions, and Amerciaments; and also, Issues and Forfeitures, forfeited and to be forfeited, as well of all Men, as *Fines and Forfeitures*. of all Tenants, wholly holding, and not wholly holding, residing, and not residing, in, and of, the Fees of Lands, Tenements, with their Appurtenances, and in all Places within the Precincts of the same Town of *Bristol*, and Suburbs of the same, and Community of *Bristol* being, (the said Castle and Ditch excepted) and also, of all other Things, which to us and our Heirs, within the Town, Suburbs, Liberties, County, and Precincts, aforesaid, may belong, of the Year, Day, and Waste, Forfeitures, and Murders, in any of the Courts *Forfeitures of for Murder*.

of us and our Heirs, all those Men and Tenants, or any of them, as well before us and our Heirs, as before us and our Heirs in the Chancery of us and our Heirs; as also, before the Treasurer and Barons of our Exchequer, and before the Barons of us and our Heirs, and the Justices of us and our Heirs, Itinerant, at the Common Pleas, and Pleas of the Forest; and also, before the Justices of us and our Heirs, of the Bench, and the Justices of us and our Heirs, assigned to hold Assizes, and deliver the Goals; as also, before the Justices of us and our Heirs, assigned to enquire of, hear, and determine, Felonies, Trespasses, and Misdemeanors; and also, before the Steward, Marshal, and Coroner, of the Household of us and our Heirs; and also, the Clerk of the Market, of the Household of us and our Heirs; and also, before any other the Justices and Officers whatsoever, of us and our Heirs, to make Fines and Redemptions, or to be amerced; or such Issues, Murders, and Forfeitures, Year, Day, and Waste, to be adjudged and forfeited, it shall happen as fully and wholly, as we might have had the same, if we had retained the Town, County, Suburbs, and Fees of Lands, Tenements, and Places, aforesaid, in our Hands: So that the same now Mayor and Commonalty, of the *Fines, &c.* *So fully as the King might have had the same* same,

fame, our Town of *Bristol*, and their Successors, and the aforesaid *Burgeesses*, and their Heirs and Successors, from the said Feast of St. *Michael* last past, for ever, by the Hands of the Sheriffs of the County of *Bristol*, or their Bailiffs, or Officers, the Fines, Redemptions, and Amerciaments, aforesaid, and the Issues and Forfeitures, in Form aforesaid, may levy, gather, and receive, and all other Things, which to us and our said Heirs, in Form aforesaid, might belong, of Year, Day, and Waste, Forfeiture, and Murder, of, and in the said Town, County, Suburbs, and Fees of Lands and Tenements, in the Places aforesaid, by Eſtreat, out of the Exchequer *To levy the same by Eſtreat out of the Exchequer.* of us and our Heirs, to be delivered to the Bailiffs and Ministers of the said Mayor and Com- monalty, and their Successors, and of the aforesaid *Burgeesses*, their Heirs and Successors, by the Hands of the Sheriff of *Bristol*, and his Successors, Sheriffs of the same County, for the Time being, in whose Bailiwick, Fees, Lands, Tenements, and Places aforesaid, they are thence to be delivered, may levy, take, and have, of the Lands, Tenements, Possessions, Goods and Chattles, of the same Men and Tenants, without the Hindrance or Disturbance of us or our Heirs, or of any the Bailiffs

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*Felons and
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or Ministers of us or our Heirs, whatsoever. And that the said Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, and the said now *Burgesses*, their Heirs, and Successors, for ever, may have, from the said Feast of St. *Michael* last past, in the Town, County, and Suburbs, Lands, Tenements, Fees, and Places aforesaid, (the Castle and Ditch thereof excepted) the Chattles of Felons and Fugitives, the Chattles of Felons of Themselves, the Chattles of Persons condemned, outlawed, and waifed; so that if any of the Men and Tenants, aforesaid, or any others in the Town, County, Suburbs, Fees, and Places aforesaid, (except before excepted) for any Offence, Life or Member ought to lose, or do fly, and will not abide Judgment, or shall commit any Offence for which they ought to lose ther Chattles, wheresoever Justice may be done of the same, whether in our Courts, or the Courts of our Heirs, before us and our Heirs, or before the Justices and Officers of us and our Heirs, whatsoever, aforesaid, or in any other Courts, the same Chattles, within the said Town, County, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid, found, shall be the same Mayor, and Commonalty's, and their Successors, and the said *Burgesses*, their Heirs, and Successors, from the

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Feast of St. *Michael* last past, for ever. And it shall be lawful to the Officers, of the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and their Successors, and the aforesaid *Burgeesses*, their Heirs and Successors, without the Hindrance or Disturbance of us or our Heirs, or other Bailiffs or Ministers of us or our Heirs, whatsoever, the said Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, and the said *Burgeesses*, their Heirs, and Successors, to seize the ^{To seize and} Chattles of the same Persons, to be retained to ^{retain Goods} ~~forfeited.~~ the Use and Profit of the same Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, and of the same *Burgeesses*, their Heirs and Successors; and that the said Mayor and Commonalty, now being, and their Successors, and the aforesaid *Burgeesses*, their Heirs and Successors, for ever, may hold the said ^{The Town} ~~granted.~~ Town of *Bristol*, with the Suburbs of the same, the Lands, Tenements, Fees, and Places, aforesaid, whatsoever, within the Liberties and Precincts of the same Town, together with the Fairs, Markets, Waters, Water Courses, Banks, Ways, Fishings, Commons, Asserts, Wafts, and Purprestures; and also Arrentations and Rents, whatsoever, (Asserts, Wafts, and Purprestures, as well in the Time of our Progenitors, sometime Kings of *England*, as in our Times) in all the Places aforesaid,

said, within the Precincts of the same Town, as aforesaid, arrenged, and from hence to be arrenged; together with the Fines for Entrance of such **Afferts**, **Wafts**, and **Purprestures**, so arrenged, or to be arrenged; and with the Court of View of **Frank-Pledge**, Hundred, Wrecks, *viz.* Wrecks of the Sea, and Royal Wrecks, **Waifs**, **Strays**, and Royal Fishes, within the same Town and County, and Jurisdiction thereof, happening, and to happen; and all other Things which to the said Town, County, Suburbs, and Precincts; and also the Lands, Tenements, Fees, and Places aforesaid, whatsoever, and wheresoever, as aforesaid, did appertain, or shall happen, for ever. *And moreover*, we have granted, and by these Presents do grant, for us and our Heirs, to the said Mayor and Commonalty, now being, and their Successors, and to the aforesaid **Burgeffes**, their Heirs and Successors, That they, for ever, from the said Feast of St. *Michael* last past, may have all Fines, *Fines, For- feitures, and Amercia- ments.* Redemptions, Issues, Forfeitures, and Amerciaments, forfeited, and other Profits, whatsoever, in the Marches of the Forest, or by Reason of the same Marches, as well for Trespass, of the Vert and Venison, as for Offences, and other Causes, whatsoever, happening, or to happen, in the said Town.

Town of *Bristol*; as also in all and singular Places, and Fees within the Precincts of the same Town as aforesaid: So that the said Mayor and Commonalty, now being, and their Successors, and the aforesaid *Burgesses*, their Heirs and Successors, for ever, from the same Feast of St. *Michael*, may levy, perceive, and have, by the Hands *To be levied* of their Bailiffs, and Officers, the Fines, Redemptions, Issues forfeited, Amerciaments, Forfeitures, and other Profits, aforesaid, of those Persons who are within the Town of *Bristol*, and Suburbs of the same Town, Lands, Tenements, Places, and Fees, aforesaid; within the Precincts of the same Town, (the Castle, and Ditch of the same Castle, excepted) to be delivered to the same Bailiffs, and Officers, of the said Mayor and Commonalty and their Successors, by the Estreats of the Justices of us and our Heirs, of the Forest, and other the Justices Itinerant, of us and our Heirs, in their Circuits; and all the Fines, Redemptions, Issues forfeited, and Amerciaments, Forfeitures, and other Profits, aforesaid, of those who are of, and in the said Town of *Bristol*, and Suburbs of the same, aforesaid; and also, of all the Lands and Tenements, Places and Fees, aforesaid; within the Precincts of the same Town of *Bristol*, and

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Suburbs of the same, may have and perceive, at the Exchequer of us and our Heirs, by the Hands of the Sheriffs and Bailiffs of the Liberties, in whose Bailiwickes they be, as we and our Heirs should receive them, if it did not belong to us and our Heirs, without the Let or Hindrance of us, or our Heirs, or our Bailiffs, or Officers, whatsoever, as if we had retained in our Hands the said Town, County, Suburbs, and Fees, Lands, Tenements, and Places, aforesaid. *And moreover,* we have granted for us and our Heirs, That the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and their Successors, and the aforesaid *Burgeesses*, their Heirs and Successors, for ever may have and hold the said Town of *Bristol*, and Suburbs of the same; and also the Lands, Tenements, Places, and Fees, aforesaid, (the Castle and Ditch excepted) from the said Feast of St. *Michael* the Archangel last past; with the Franchises and Liberties, to the same any way belonging or appertaining; together with the Fines, Issues, Redemptions, and Amerciaments; the Chattles of outlawed and fugitive Persons, Escheats, Forfeitures, and Deodands, within the Precincts of the Town, County, and Suburbs aforesaid, and other Places, as well by Land as by Water, within the Liberties and Jurisdiction of the same,

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granted.*

Fines, &c.

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same, happening, falling out, and to happen; and also, all other Profits there accruing, or to accrue, arise, or happen; and also, all Profits and Emoluments, as well for the Punishment of false Judgment, given, or to be given, in any Court; as also, annulled, or to be annulled, in any Court within the Precincts of the Town aforesaid, and Suburbs of the same; and also, all other Profits of Treasure, found by any Means whatsoever, it happeneth, as well of the Forests, Parks, Woods, Chases, Warrens, Standing Waters, Pools, Marshes, Moors, Mines; as also, of any Things, which within the Town aforesaid, and County of the same, the Lands, Tenements, Fees, and Places, aforesaid, as before is mentioned, as they shall any ways happen, any Prerogative, Privilege, or Franchise, notwithstanding (the Escheats of Lands and Tenements, in Times to come, happening, being always excepted): And that the said now Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, and the aforesaid *Burgesses*, their Heirs and Successors, for ever, shall have, from the said Feast of St. *Michael* last past, the Privileges, Liberties, and Emoluments, or Profits, Rights, and Commodities aforesaid, within the Precincts of the said Town of *Bristol*, and all Things thereunto happening, or to happen, or to them

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them appertaining, of Men resident, or not resident, wholly Tenants, or not; of all Things within the said Town and Precincts, happening, and to happen, as fully and wholly as we might have had the same, if we had kept the said Town in our Hands; *yielding* therefore to us and our Heirs, *Rents, &c.* at our Exchequer, from the said Feast of St. *Michael* last past, One Hundred and Two Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Six Pence, at the Feasts of *Easter*, and St. *Michael* the Archangel, by equal Portions; and to the Abbot of *Tewksbury*, and his Successors, for the Tythes of the Town aforesaid, Fourteen Pounds, Ten Shillings; to the Prior of St. *James* of *Bristol*, and his Successors, for the yearly Rent of the Mill of the said Town, Sixty Shillings; to the Constable of the Castle of *Bristol*, and his Officers, for the Time being, (*that is to say*) to the Porter of the Gate, and Watchman, of the said Castle; and to the Forrester of *King's-Wood*, Thirty-Nine Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Six-Pence, to be paid, yearly, at the aforesaid two Terms of the Year, by equal Portions, for all Services, Exactions Charges, and Demands, altho' that express Mention of the true yearly Value, or any other Value, or Certainty of the Premises, or any of them, or of any

any other Gift, and Grant aforesaid, to the said now Mayor and Commonalty, and their Predecessors, by us, or any of our Progenitors, or Predecessors, before this time, made, at present hath not been made, any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, Use, Custom, or Provision, to the Contrary made, ordained, used, or provided, or any Thing, Cause, or Matter, whatsoever, notwithstanding. *In Witness* whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. *Witness*

My self, at *Westminster*, the 12th of *February*, in Dated at
Westminst.
12 Febru. the First Year of our Reign. *And We*, accepting and allowing the said Charters and Patents, 1 Reg. and all and singular Things, in the same contained, do, for us and our Heirs, as much as in us lieth, accept and approve, and to our Wellbeloved the now Mayor and *Burgesses* of the same Town of *Bristol*, and to their Heirs, do Ratify and Confirm, as the said Charters, and *Confirmation*. Letters aforesaid, do reasonably witness. *In Witness* whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents, *Witness* My self, at *Westminster*, the 5th of *February*, in the Third Year Dated at
Westminst.
5 Febru. of our Reign. *We have seen* the Charter of our 3 Reg. most dear Lord, *HENRY*, late King of *England*, our Father, made in these Words; *HENRY, K. Hen. VII* by

by the Grace of God, King of England, and of France, and Lord of Ireland. To all and singular, Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Dukes, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Mayors, Provosts, Ministers, and all our Bailiffs, and faithful People, Greeting. *Know ye,* That of our singular Love and Affection which we bear, and now have, towards the Mayor and Commonalty of our Town of *Bristol*, and for the keeping of our Peace and well Government, and for the increasing of the Good of the Commonalty of the Town and County of the same, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, we have granted, and by these Presents, do grant, for us, our Heirs and Successors, as much as in us lieth, to the aforesaid now Mayor and Commonalty of the same Town, their Heirs and Successors, That for the Future, there shall be in the said Town of *Bristol*, from Time to Time, for ever, Six Aldermen, in Form following, to be Named and Chosen, Created, and Made, (*that is to say*), That the Recorder of the same Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, and every other Recorder of the same Town, for Time to come, for ever, from Time to Time, shall be One of the said Six Aldermen, and that the remaining Five Aldermen, of the said Six Aldermen,

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dermen, by the Mayor and Common-Council of *To be elected by the Mayor or and Common Council.* the Town aforesaid, for the Time being, at their Pleasure, within one Year after the Date of these *mon Council.* Presents, shall be elected and named; the which said Recorder that now is, and every other Recorder of the same Town, for the future, from Time to Time, to be chosen or made, at the Time of his Admission into the Office of Recorder of the same Town, before the Mayor of the *The Recorder to be sworn before the Mayer.* same Town, for the Time being, shall take his Corporal Oath, That he, as long as he shall hold and exercise there the Office of Recorder of the same Town, shall execute all and singular Things, which to the Office of Alderman of the same Town shall appertain to be done and executed, well and faithfully shall do, exercise, and execute; and as well the aforesaid Five Aldermen of the same Town, first and next to be chosen and named, as every other Alderman of the same Town hereafter to be chosen and named, when they shall be elected, made, and chosen, shall severally take their Corporal Oaths, the Office of Alderman of the same Town, well and faithfully to do, execute, and perform, as long as they shall continue in the Office of an Alderman of the same Town: And the Aldermen of the same Town aforesaid,

Aldermen to be sworn before the Mayor and Recorder. and every of them, shall be sworn before the Mayor and Recorder of the Town aforesaid, for the Time being, in such Creation, Nomination, Election, and Making in the Office of Alderman, of the Town aforesaid: And that as well the same Five Aldermen of the same Town, from hence first to be chosen, and every of them, as every other Alderman of the same Town, for the future, from Time to Time, to be chosen and nominated, after they shall be so elected, made, and sworn, may have, and every of them may have, within the Town aforesaid, Liberties, and Precincts of the same, so long as he shall have and exercise the Office of one of the Aldermen of the same Town of *Bristol*, the like Power, and *Aldermen to have the like Power as in London.* Jurisdiction, in all Things, and by all Things, as the Aldermen, or any Alderman, of our City of *London*, within the same City, have, exercise and execute; and we Will and Grant, by these Presents, for us and our Successors, to the aforesaid now Mayor and Commonalty, of the said Town of *Bristol*, their Heirs and Successors, That the Mayor and Aldermen of the said Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, may, from Time to Time, and at all Times, hereafter, at their Discretion, put out and depose *The Mayor and Aldermen have* any

any of the said Five Aldermen of the same Town, ^{Power to de-} for the Time being, as often and whensoever it ^{pose and elect} ^{Aldermen a-} shall please them; and one, or more, of the good ^{new.} *Burgeffes* of the same Town, in the Place of such Person, or Persons, so removed, to elect, create, and make, Alderman, or Aldermen, of the same Town, of new; who in the Office of Aldermen, or Alderman of the same Town, by the Mayor, and Aldermen of the same Town, for the Time being, or by the Major Part of them, being elected, and nominated, in like Manner ^{The Success-} shall make Oath before the Mayor and Recor- ^{sion.} der of the same Town, for the Time being, in Manner and Form as the aforesaid Five Aldermen, when as aforesaid they were elected, at first did make and take: And that whensoever, and as often as any of the Aldermen aforesaid, from Time to Time, for Time to come, to be chosen and named, shall die, or leave the said Office, or from being an Alderman of the same Town for any Cause shall be Removed, that from thence, and so often it shall be lawful to the Mayor and other Aldermen of the Town aforesaid, for the Time being, then surviving and remaining, by them, or the Major Part of them, one, or more, of the honest and careful *Burgeffes* of

the same Town, in the Place of him, or them, so deceased, departing, or removed, to elect, make, or create, an Alderman, or Aldermen, of the same Town, as often as Need shall be, and the Case require: Who being so as aforesaid elected and made, shall take the like Oath in Manner and Form as other aforesaid Aldermen, from hence first to be chosen, do make and take. And that all and singular Aldermen of the same Town, for the future, for ever, in Manner and Form aforesaid, to be chosen, nominated, or made, after that into the Office of Aldermen of the same Town, they shall be chosen, made, or Sworn, shall have, and every of them shall have, in the same Town, and within the Precincts and Liberties of the same, the like Authority, and Power (so long as they shall be in the Office of Aldermen of the Town aforesaid) as the Aldermen of our City of *London*, within the same City, have, execute, and use. *And moreover*, we do grant, for us, our Heirs, and Successors aforesaid, to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, by these Presents, That, for the future, the Mayor and Recorder of the same Town, who now are, and for the Time shall be, and the aforesaid Five Aldermen, from Time to Time, as aforesaid,

aforesaid, and the Successors of them, and every of them, when as aforesaid they are elected, made, and created, as long as they shall stand, and be Aldermen of the Town aforesaid, shall be jointly and severally Keepers and Justices of the *Aldermen to be Justices of the Peace as well by Land as by Water,* Peace of us, our Heirs and Successors, for Conservation of the Peace, of us, our Heirs, and Successors, within our said Town of *Bristol,* the Liberties of the County of the said Town, and Precincts of the same, as well by Land as by Water, and Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, for the putting in Execution, all Ordinances and Statutes, made at *Winchester, Northampton, and Westminster,* and for putting in Execution, all Ordinances and Statutes, made at *Winchester, Northampton, and Westminster,* for the Conservation of our Peace; and also, all Statutes and Ordinances, there, or elsewhere, touching Hunters, Labourers, Artificers, Servants, Hostlers, Weights, Measures, selling of Victuals, Beggars, and Vagabonds, and all Begging Men, who name themselves Travelling Men; and the Statutes and Ordinances made at *Westminster,* in the First and Second Years of the Reign of HENRY the Fourth, late King of *England,* our Predecessor, deceased, concerning Liveries, Badges of Societies, of Knights, Esquires, or Valets, and other Liveries of Cloths, not given, nor the same Liveries any Way to use; and

and also, of a certain Statute, against Lollards, lately made and published at *Leicester*, in the Parliament of HENRY the Fifth, late King of *England*, deceased; and of another Statute in Parliament of the same King, in like Manner held and published, at *Westminster*, touching Counterfeiting, Clipping, Washing, and other Falsifying of Money of our Land; and all other Statutes and Ordinances, made, and for the future to be made, for Preservation of the Peace, and quiet Rule and Governance of our People, in all their Articles, according to all Force, Form, and Effect of the same, in the said County of the Town of *Bristol*, and within the same Town, Liberties, and Precincts of the same, as well by Land as by Water, to be kept, or made to be kept; and to chastise, punish, and cause to be chastised and punish'd, all those who shall be found offending against the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, or any of them, according as ought to be, by the Form of the same Ordinances and Statutes; and also, according to due Form of Law, to cause to come before them, all those who threaten any of our People, within the County of the Town and Liberties aforesaid, in their Bodies, or in burning their Houses, to find sufficient

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cient Security for the Peace and good Behaviour towards us, our Heirs and Successors, for the Time being, and all our People; and if they shall refuse to give such Security, then to commit them to our Prisons of the County, and of the Town *Imprison-*
ment.

We Will also, and by these Presents do Grant to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of our said Town of *Bristol*, their Heirs and Successors, That the said Mayor, Recorder, and other Five Aldermen of the same Town, for the Time being, *Quorum,*
Six, Five, Four, or Three, of them, (of whom the Mayor and Recorder.
Mayor, or Recorder, of the same Town, for the Time being, shall always be one) from Time to Time, for ever, shall be the Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, to enquire by the Oaths of good and lawful Men of the same County and Town, as well within Liberties as without, by whom the Truth of the Matter may be the better known, of all Treasons, Murders, Rapes of Women, and other Felonies whatsoever; and also, of all Trespasses, Riots, Routs, unlawful Conventicles, *Power to enquire of Felonies,*
Treasons, &c
Embraceries, Maintenances, Ambidexters, Extortions, Confederacies, Conspiracies, Trespasses, Regrators and Forestallers, within the Town, County, Precincts, and Liberties aforesaid, by whomsoever

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or howsoever they shall happen to be done or committed, and henceforth to be done or committed; and also, of those who have, or shall presume to lie in Wait, to maim or kill our People; and also, of those that use, or hereafter shall use any Caps, or other Liveries, of one Suit, by Confederacy, and for Maintenance, contrary to the Effect and Form of any Ordinances and Statutes therefore, before these Times made in the County of the Town and Liberties aforesaid; and also, of all and singular those who within the County of the Town, Precincts, and Liberties aforesaid, shall offend, or presume, henceforth, to attempt any Thing, contrary to the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, or any of them; and also, to enquire of all and singular Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Constables, and Goalers, who within the County of the Town, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid, in the Execution of their Offices, against Artificers, Servants, Labourers, Victuallers, Hostlers, Beggars, and Vagabonds, and other the aforesaid Persons whatsoever, according to the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, have not done their Duty, and from hence shall presume not to do their Duty, or have been, or shall happen hereafter to be fearful, remiss, or negligent, of all and singular Articles and

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stances, concerning all and singular the Premises whatsoever; and of other Things, contrary to the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, by whomsoever, and howsoever, made or done, and which, henceforth, shall happen there to be done, or attempted; and also, all manner of Indictments, as well before the same Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, or any of them, or others our late Keepers of the Peace, and the Justices of us, and of our Lords, EDWARD the Fourth, EDWARD the Fifth, and RICHARD the Third, late Kings of *England*, assigned to hear and determine such Trespasses and Misdemeanors in the County of the Town, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid, by Virtue of divers of the Letters Patents of us, or the said Lords, EDWARD, EDWARD, and RICHARD, or any of them, to them, or any other Persons whatsoever, in the same County, Town, Liberties, and Precincts, made, taken, and not yet determined, as before the aforesaid Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, Six, Five, Four, and Three of them, (of whom the Mayor or Recorder of the same Town, for the Time being, shall be one of the Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors,) taken, or to be taken, to be perused; and Procesſ thereof, and Procesſes, against all others who shall hap-

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pen for the future to be indicted before the Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, concerning the Premises, or any of them, to make and continue, until they be taken, rendred, or outlawed; and also, all and singular Things, which contrary to the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, or every, or any of them, within the County, Town, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid, made, done, or attempted, and which there, for the future, shall happen to be made, done, or attempted, as well at our Suit, as of any other Person whatsoever, willing to follow or prosecute before the same Justices, for us, our Heirs or Successors, or for Themselves, to hear, and according to the Law and Custom of our Kingdom of *England*, and according to the Ordinances and Statutes, aforesaid, to determine in such ample

As amply as
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in England. Manner and Form, as any other the Justices of the Peace of us, our Heirs and Successors, or any other the Justices of the Peace, of us, our Heirs and Successors, any where in any other County of our Kingdom of *England*, may, or ought to, hear or determine; and also, the Trespasses and Forestallings, aforesaid, and all other Things, not declared, aforesaid, to determine at our Suit only; and to hear and determine all other Things, which by Virtue of any Ordinances

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by the Keepers of the Peace of us, our Heirs, and Successors, and by the Justices of us, our Heirs, and Successors, ought to be examined and determined; and also, to correct and punish all those that offend against the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, or any of them, by Fines, Redemptions, and Amerciaments, and by any other Ways, for their Offences, as before the Ordinance, for such Corporal Punishment of Offenders for their Faults, have been wont to be done any where within the Kingdom of *England*, may, or shall belong to be done or exercised, heard or determined; and that the said Mayor and Commonalty, their Heirs and Successors, for ever, may have all, and all Manner, and singular Fines, Redemptions, Issues, For- *All Fines,*
feitures, and Amerciaments, before the aforesaid *Issues, and*
Justices, and every of them, from Time to Time, *Forfeitures.*
for ever, to be made, assessed, forfeited, and adjudged: And that it shall be lawful to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, from Time to Time, as often as Need shall be, all and singular such Issues, Forfeitures, Fines, Redemptions, and Amerciaments, adjudged, and to be adjudged, or assessed by the Sheriffs, or other Officers of the same Town, who now are, or, for

the Time, shall be, to the Use of the same now

The Sheriff's Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, to collect and levy; and may put themselves into Seisin and Possession of the same, as the Sheriffs, Officers, or Ministers, of us, our Heirs and Successors, may, might, or ought, to do, for us, our Heirs and Successors, to the Use of us, our Heirs, and Successors, for ever, receive and levy, if the same to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, had not been granted, without any Account, or any other Thing, to be rendered or paid thereof, to us, our Heirs and Successors: And that neither the Treasurer, of us, our Heirs, or Successors, nor the Barons of the Exchequer of us, our Heirs, or Successors, nor any of them, nor any other the Justices, Officers, or Ministers, of us, our Heirs, or Successors, shall make, or cause to be made, any Process, or Processes, against such Justices of the Peace, or any, or either, of the Justices aforesaid, or any of their Successors, Heirs, or Executors, or any of Them, for any of their Eſtreats, of any Fines, Redemptions, Issues, Forfeitures, or A-merciaments, or any other Things before the said Justices of us, our Heirs, or Successors, adjudged, forfeited, or asſessed, or hereafter to be adjudged,

to levy the same to the Use of the Mayor and Commonalty.

Without account to the King.

No Process or Processes to be made against the Exchequer.

No Process or Processes to be made against the Exchequer.

adjudged, forfeited, or assessed, at, or in our Exchequer, or any where else to be delivered, or made to be delivered; and that any other Justices of the Peace of us, our Heirs, or Successors, or any other Justices of us, our Heirs, or Successors, for any Ordinances and Statutes, concerning the Premises, or any of them, set forth, or ordained, within the Town, County, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid, happening, or to happen; or any Office, concerning, or for the same, or any of them, there to be exercised, made, or executed, or any Jurisdiction thereof, may not have and exercise. *And moreover*, we Will and Grant by these Presents, to the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said Town of *Bristol*, their Heirs and Successors, That, for for the future, for ever, there be, and shall be, in the same Town, one Chamberlain of the same Town, which Chamberlain, and every of his Successors, for the Time being, from Time to Time, in Manner and Form following, shall be elected, nominated, and made; *that is to say*, That the Mayor and Common Council of the same Town, for the Time being, at their Pleasure, when they think fit, shall make, elect, and name, in the *Guildhall* of the same Town, one of the *Burgesses* of the same Town, into

No strange Justices to meddle in the Town.

A Chamberlain

To be elected by the Mayor and Common Council.

into the Chamberlainship of the same Town, to have and exercise that Office, as long as it shall please the said Mayor and Common Council of the same Town, and until the same Chamberlain from that Office, by the Mayor and Common Council of the same Town, shall be removed, or from the same Office, of his own Will, shall depart, or be prevented by Death; which said Chamberlain so elected and made, and his Successors, and every of them, when they shall be elected, made, and created, before the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the same Town, for the Time being, shall take his Corporal Oath, That he the Office of Chamberlain of the same Town, and all Things which to that Office shall appertain to be done and executed, so long as he shall have and execute that Office, well and faithfully, shall do, exercise, and perform: And that every Chamberlain of the same Town, for the future, to be elected and named, when into the Chamberlainship of the same Town he shall be elected, made, and sworn, shall have a perpetual Succession; and that they, and all their Successors, for ever, shall be named and called Chamberlains of the Town of *Bristol*; and they, and every of them, shall have a Seal to serve for

To hold that Office so long as they please

Shall take his Oath before the Mayor, &c.

Succession.

Shall have a Seal.

for the Office of Chamberlain of the same Town, and for the Business belonging to the Office of Chamberlain of the same Town: And that the same Chamberlain, first now to be chosen and made, and all and singular his Successors, from hence to be chosen and made, for ever, may have, and every of them may have, when in the Office of Chamberlain of the same Town they are elected, made, and sworn, the like Authority and Power, to do and execute, and all and singular Things to do and perform in the same Town of *Bristol*, the Liberties and Precincts of the same, as the Chamberlain of our City of *London*, within the same City *The like Power as in London.*

may do and exercise, or have wont to do and execute: And that the said Chamberlain, now first to be chosen, and all his Successors, for Time to come, for ever, to be chosen, may sue, and be *To sue and be sued by the Name of the Chamberlain.*

sued, plead, and be impleaded, answer, and be answered, in all Actions, Suits, Complaints, and Demands, real, personal, and mixt, by the Name of Chamberlain of the Town of *Bristol*, as well before us, our Heirs and Successors, wheresoever we shall be, as before us, our Heirs and Successors, in the Chancery of us, our Heirs and Successors; and also, before the Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, of the Common Bench, or before

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before the Treasurer and Barons, of the Exchequer of us, our Heirs, and Successors; and all other Justices or Judges in all our Courts whatsoever; and the aforesaid Chamberlain, and his Successors, and every of Them, from Time to Time, all and singular Revenues, Incomes, Profits, and Emoluments, whatsoever, which the same Chamberlain, and his Successors, and every of them, in the Time which he, or they, shall be Chamberlain, or Chamberlains, of the said Town, to the Use and Profit of the Mayor and Commonalty of the same Town, have, or any of them hath, received and taken; and also, all and singular Charters, Evidences, Writings, Bonds, and Instruments, which the same Chamberlains, for the Time being, during the Time which they shall be Chamberlains of the Town aforesaid, to the Use of the Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, have, or shall receive to have, to the Use of the same Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, during the Time which they the said Office of Chamberlain of the Town aforesaid, to execute well and faithfully, may keep, and

To receive the Rents. cause to be kept; and also, the Incomes, Revenues, and Profits, so receiv'd, to the Use and Advantage of the same Mayor and Commonalty, and

To keep the Evidences.

To employ the Revenues to the Use of the City.

and their Successors, apply, expend or pay; and of all and singular Things so receiv'd or had, a good and faithful Account every Year, within one Month after the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, in the *Guildhall* of the said Town, before the Mayor and Aldermen of the same Town, for the Time being, or before two *Burgeesses* of the same Town, by the Mayor of the same Town, for the Time being, to be assigned, thereof, well and faithfully shall render and make; and that every Chamberlain of the Town aforesaid, for the Time being, who from the Office of Chamberlain of the same Town, shall be removed, or leave the said Office, within one Month next after he shall be removed from the same Office, or leave it, a faithful Account of all and singular Things, by him to the Use of the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, receiv'd and had, before the Mayor and Aldermen aforesaid, or two *Burgeesses*, as aforesaid, assigned, shall render and make. Moreover, we have granted, and by these Presents, do grant to the aforesaid now Mayor and Commonalty of our said Town of *Bristol*, their Heirs and Successors, That all and singular Bailiffs of the same Town, for the future to be chosen, shall be chosen, for ever, at

Bailiffs to be chosen, now.

the same Times, in Manner and Form as here-
 * Dudum. tofore, they or any of them have * lately wont
 to be chosen, created, or made; so that if any Bai-
Bailiffs dy-
ing, &c. new
ones to be e-
lected. liff, or Bailiffs, of the said Town, after that he,
 or they into the Office of Bailiff, or Bailiffs, of
 the same Town, hath been, or shall be elected,
 within a Year after his, or their, Election, shall
 die, or for any Cause whatsoever from the Office
 of Bailiff of the same Town, shall be removed,

That then the Mayor and Commonalty aforesaid,
 of the said Town of *Bristol*, and their Suc-
 cessors, for the Time being, within eight Days next
 after such Death or Removal of any such Bailiff,
 or Bailiffs, next following, may choose One, or
 Two, other Bailiff, or Bailiffs, of the *Burgeffes*
 of the Town aforesaid, in the Place of him or
 them so deceased or removed, as often as Need
 shall be, without any the Licence of us, our
 Heirs, or Successors, in this Behalf to be had,
 obtained, or sued for; and that all and singular
 Bailiffs of the same Town, so as aforesaid, here-

To take the
Oath of Bai-
liff. after to be chosen, shall first take the Oath of
 the Office of Bailiff of the same Town (for so
 long Time as they shall be Bailiffs of the same
 Town, or the Office or Bailiff of the same Town
 shall have and exercise) well and faithfully to do,
 exercise,

exercise, and perform, all and singular such, and the like Powers, Authority, and Jurisdiction, in all Things, concerning the Office of Bailiffs of the same Town, may, and shall have, execute and perform, as any Bailiffs of the same Town before this Time have had, exercised, or used, or been accustomed to have, exercise, and do. We Will also, and by these Presents, do Grant, for us, our Heirs and Successors, to the aforesaid now Mayor and Commonalty of the same Town of *Bristol*, their Heirs and Successors, That all and singular Bailiffs of the same Town, for the future to be chosen, for ever, after they in the Office of Bailiffs, of the same Town, have been elected, made, and created, by Virtue of such Election be immediately after their Election, in the Bailiwickes of the same Town, as well Bailiffs of the same Town, as Sheriffs of the County *The Bailiffs* of the same Town of *Bristol*, as long as they *to be Sheriffs*. shall be Bailiffs of the same Town, and the Office of Sheriffs, of the same Town of *Bristol*, shall do, exercise and execute; and all those Things which to the Office of Sheriffs of the County of the same Town, shall belong to be done, executed, and perform'd, in the same Town, County, Liberties, and Precincts thereof, may do, exercise,

and execute, in as ample Manner and Form as any other Sheriffs any where within our King-
dom of *England*, may, shall, and ought, to do and exercise; and that all and singular Bailiffs, for the future, to be chosen within two Days next after they into the Office of Bailiffs of the same Town *To be sworn* have been elected, chosen, and made, shall be sworn before the Mayor of the same Town, for the Time being, and not before any one else, thereto assigned, in the *Guildhall* of the same Town, and not elsewhere, in due Form, they, and either of them, shall take their Coporal Oaths, severally, That they, as long as they shall be Sheriffs of the same County of the Town of *Bristol*, all those Things which to the Office of Sheriffs of the same County of the Town of *Bristol* shall appertain to be done, exercised, and executed, they, or either of them, will do, execute, and perform. And that such Sheriffs of the County of the Town of *Bri-
stol*, for the Time being, and their Successors, for ever, after that into the Office of Bailiffs of the same Town, they have been elected, and have been sworn, to do and perform the Office of *She-
County Court*. riffs of the same Town, the County Days of us, our Heirs, and Successors, of the said County of the Town aforesaid, in the same Town, from Month

Month to Month, upon *Monday*, may yearly hold, and cause to be held for ever, in Manner and Form as the Sheriffs of us, or any other of our Progenitors of the aforesaid County of the same Town of *Bristol*, whilst in the same County there was but one Sheriff alone of the same, before this Time held, and was accustomed to hold; and that the said Sheriffs shall have all such and the like Power, Jurisdiction, and Authority, and Liberty, ^{Power of the Sheriffs.} and all Things else which to the Office of Sheriffs, in the same County, of the Town, Liberties, and Precincts of the same Town, such as any other the Sheriffs of us, our Heirs, and Successors, within our Kingdom of *England*, in their Bailiwicks have, shall have, and shall, may, or ought to have; and shall do, execute, and perform, all and singular those Things which any other Sheriff of our Kingdom of *England*, in his County, may, or ought to do, in any Manner whatsoever, in his County, within the Town aforesaid, County, Liberties, and Precincts of the same, as often, and whensoever there shall be Need, and the Case require it, and as to them shall seem best; and that no other Sheriff, or other Officer of us, our Heirs, or Successors, of any other County, of us, our Heirs, or Successors, into

into the said County of the Town of *Bristol*, or that Town, Precincts, or Liberties of the same,

No other Sheriff of any other County to interfere. to exercise, or execute any Office, there may enter, or they, or any of them, have any Jurisdiction or Power in the same, or any of them, or of

any Things in the same County, Town, Liberties, and Precincts, happening, or to happen, in any Thing, they, or any of them, shall intermeddle: And that the said Sheriffs of the said

To account yearly in the Exchequer. County of the Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, by their Attorney, thereto deputed, by their Letters Patents, their Proffers, every Year, at the Exchequer of us, our Heirs and Successors, shall make, and the same, and their like Proffers, cause to be paid in Manner and Form as the late Sheriff of us, and our Progenitors of the County of the Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, whilst there was only one Sheriff there, was wont to make and pay; and that the said Sheriffs, of the said County of the Town of *Bristol*, and their Successors, for ever, for the Time being, by their Attorney, thereto deputed and assigned, by their Letters Patents, a reasonable and faithful Account of the Issues of their Bailiwickes, at our Exchequer aforesaid, before the Treasurer and Barons of our Exchequer,

or

or before the Barons of the same Exchequer, for the Time being, shall render and make; and that all and singular such Attornies, from Time to Time, for the Sheriffs of the said County of the Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, as aforesaid, to be deputed and assigned to make and *To pay in the Proffers.* pay the said Proffer, render an Account of, by the same Treasurer or Barons, for the Time *To account by a Deputy* being, according to the Force, Form, and Effect of the same Deputation and Assignation, they and every of them shall be admitted; and that neither the aforesaid Sheriffs, as aforesaid, to be made, preferred, or created, or their Successors, or any, or either of them, shall be in any wise compelled to come out of the Town of *Bristol* *Not compellable to account in Person.* aforesaid, or in their proper Persons, in the Exchequer of us, our Heirs and Successors, or any where else, to account for the Issues of their Offices, or for any Things to the Office of Sheriffs of the County of the Town of *Bristol*, belonging: And that we, our Heirs or Successors, to the aforesaid Sheriffs of the said Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, shall, from Time to Time, direct or cause to be made forth and directed, all and singular the Writs, Bills, Precepts, *All Writs to be directed to the Sheriffs.* Warrants, and Commandments, of us, our Heirs and

and Successors, which thereupon, or upon any other Things, and in all and singular Actions, Pleas, Plaints, Demands, Inquisitions, Presentments, or Informations against any whatsoever for any Things, and all and singular, or whatsoever Lands, Tenements, Rents, or Possessions, being within the Town aforesaid; and also for all Things whatsoever, and singular Contracts, Debts, Covenants, Detinues, and other Things, Matters, and Causes, whatsoever, within the Town of *Bristol* aforesaid, Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts of the same, as well by Water, as by Land, arising, falling out, or happening, out of any and every of our Courts, where any Actions, Suits, Plaints, Demands, Inquisitions, Presentments, or Informations, shall happen to be prosecuted or had, henceforth, for ever, to be directed, considered, adjudged, and executed, to the said Sheriffs of the Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, for ever, from Time to Time, we, our Heirs and Successors, for ever, hereafter, shall and will cause to be made and directed; which said Sheriff for the Time being, all and singular such Writs, Precepts, Warrants, and Mandates, to them to be directed, may execute, and cause to be executed, in all Things, and by all Things, according to the Exigency, Force, *Power to execute.* Form,

Form, and Effect of the same; and in case where *In case of Death, or Removal within a Year.* such Sheriffs, or either of them, within a Year, from the Time of such their Making and Creation, shall die, or they, or either of them, be removed from the Office of Bailiffs and Sheriffs of the same Town, That then the Mayor, Aldermen, *The Mayor, Aldermen,* and *Burgesseſſes*, of the said Town, and their Successors, for ever, for the Time being, within *ten ſeſſes within ten Days to elect.* Days next after such Decease, Removal, or De-

posing, two, or one, other *Burgesseſſes*, or *Burgesſeſſ*, amongst Themselves, of the most fit, honest, and discreet, to be Bailiffs, or one Bailiff, of the Town of *Briſtol* aforesaid, in the Place of them, or him, so deceasing, or amoved, may elect, make, and create, in Manner and Form aforesaid; who being so elected and made, before the Mayor, Aldermen, and *Burgesseſſes*, for the Time being, shall *To take the like Oath.* take his, or their, Corporal Oaths, or Oath, as well to the Office of Bailiffs, or Bailiff, of the same Town, as the Office of Sheriffs of the County of the same Town, or of one of the Sheriffs of the same County, for the Residue of the same Year, in which they were so elected and made, well and faithfully, as aforesaid, to do, execute, and perform, which said Bailiff so elected, or either of them, after they are elected and made,

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shall

shall be made, created, and by Virtue of this Election, shall immediately after their Election into the Bailiwick of that Town be Sheriffs of the same Town; and afterwards to the Office of Sheriffs of that Town, to exercise as aforesaid, they have been sworn, all and singular Things which to the Office of Bailiffs, or Bailiff, of the Town aforesaid, and to the Office of Sheriffs of the County of the same Town, so long as they shall be Bailiffs of the same Town, shall do and perform, and shall cause to be made, done, and performed. *And we Will*, and moreover do Grant, That the Election and Making the said one Sheriff of the said County of the Town of *Bristol*, who before this Time was wont to be made, and the Name and Office of the said one Sheriff, so long as the said Bailiffs, as aforesaid to be chosen, shall be Sheriffs of the said County of the Town of *Bristol*, shall cease and be no more, but only the said two Bailiffs for the Time being, and their Successors, for ever, shall be two Sheriffs of the County of the same Town, in

Nevertheless
saving to the
Mayor and
Commonalty
all Liberties, &c. Manner and Form before therefore granted; *Saving* always to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty, their Heirs and Successors, all and singular their Liberties, Franchises, and Freedoms, anciently

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used and approved, besides the Liberty, to have the said one Sheriff, and the Authority and Power of the same Sheriff, in such ample Manner and Form, to be used and had, as they might have had, or used, if this present Grant of the Liberties aforesaid, to them made, had not been. *We have* also granted, and by these Presents do grant, for us, our Heirs and Successors, to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty, their Heirs and Successors, for ever, That the Mayor and Commonalty of the said Town of *Bristol*, and their Successors, for the Time being, may take Cognizance of all and whatsoever Pleas and Plaints, as well real and personal, as mixt; and Recognition of Assizes of *Novel Disseisin*, *Mort de Ancestre*, Certificates, arraigned, and to be arraigned, of all Lands and Tenements, Rents and Tenures, within the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs and Precincts of the same, being: And also, of all Trespasses, Covenants, Debts, Accounts, Contracts, and Plaints; as also, of every Thing and Demand, within the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same, howsoever arising or happening, concerning any Person whatsoever, before the Mayor of that Town, for the Time being, and his Successors, and two Aldermen of the said Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being,

*All Pleas to
be held before
the Mayor
and Alderm.*

*The Mayor
to nominate
the two
Aldermen.* thereunto, by the Mayor of the same Town, for the Time being, to be assigned and nominated, within the same Town in the *Guildhall* of the same Town, to be held, had, and in Form of Law to be determined, and due Execution by the same Mayor and his Successors, and the Aldermen so to be named, Demand thereof to be made, of whatsoever State or Condition the Party, Complainant, Demandant, Tenant, or Defendant, is, or shall be; which said Cognizances at the Petitions of the said Mayor and Commonalty, or their Attornies, as well before us, our Heirs and Successors, and before any the Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, of the Common Bench, or before the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer of us, our Heirs and Successors, and before all the Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, whatsoever, or wheresoever, in every of the Courts of us, our Heirs and Successors, every where, as well by the Writs of us, our Heirs and Successors, or by Bills, or without the Writs of us, our Heirs and Successors, such Pleas or *Without any* Plaints, as shall happen to move, or be, to the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said Town of *Bristol*, in their Names, by the said Justices, and other Officers of us, our Heirs, and Successors,

sors, of the Courts aforesaid, by Inspection of our Charter, upon these our present Concessions made, may be allowed and granted, without any the Writ of us, our Heirs and Successors, or any other Warrant, Precept, or Mandate, to the said Justices, or other Officers of us, our Heirs and Successors, aforesaid, directed, or to be directed, therefore to be had, in Manner as aforesaid, by the said Mayor and Two Aldermen of the Town aforesaid, as aforesaid thereto to be named, for the Time being, to be had, held, and determined, and due Execution thereof to cause to be made. *We have*, moreover, granted, and by these Presents do grant, to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty, their Heirs and Successors, for ever, That the Mayor *The Mayor, and Two Aldermen of his own nominating.* of the said Town of *Bristol*, and his Successors, for the Time being, and Two Aldermen of the same Town, for the Time being, (by the Mayor of the same Town for the Time being to be named and assigned) with the Assent of the Commonalty of the said Town, may choose *With the Assent of the Commonalty to choose successively 40 Men.* Successively, for ever, from Time to Time, Forty Men, of the better and more HONEST Men of the Town, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same, as often as Need shall be. That if in any Usages, Customs, or Ordinances, in the said Town of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and

and Precincts of the same, had and used; or of new there shall happen any Difficulty or Defect, for which, as yet, no Remedy hath been appointed, in the Cases aforesaid, the said Mayor and Two Aldermen, thereto as aforesaid to be named, and assigned, and Forty Men of the same

To make By Laws for the common Good. Town, for the Time being, of their Common Assent, may have Power to ordain and establish competent Remedy, or Remedies, which shall be agreeable to Reason, or profitable to the Commonalty aforesaid: And that the said Mayor, and

Two Aldermen, thereto as aforesaid to be named and assigned, and Forty Men, and their Successors, for the Necessity and Profit of the said Town

To lay Taxes for the Good of the Town. of *Bristol*, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same, by their Common Assent, upon the Goods, of all Men and Persons, of the Town aforesaid, Suburbs,

and Precincts of the same, of every Person, according to his Estate, as well upon his Rents, as for their Trades and Merchandizes; and otherwise, as they shall see best, may assess Tallages,

To levy the same. and the same levy, without the Hindrance of us, our Heirs, or Successors, or the Justices, or Officers, of us, our Heirs, or Successors, whatsoever,

so that the Sums thereby arising, may remain in the Custody of Two HONEST MEN of the

Two Treasurers. same

Fine thereof, by Virtue of every Writ, by a reasonable Sum of Money by the same Parties, as the Custom is for Licence, to agree, to the Use of us, and our Heirs, to be paid by due Order of Law; being kept, may be levied, and thereof, as in our Court of Fines, in the same levied, full Execution may be: So that the said Mayor, and his Successors, for the Time being, and the Two Aldermen of the Town aforesaid, for the Time being, by their Eſtreats, *The Eſtreats* in this Part, every Year, on the Morrow of St. *Michael*, under their Seals, to the Exchequer of *Exchequer*. us, our Heirs and Successors, by their Attornies, may cause to be delivered. And that the said Mayor of the same Town, and his Successors, for *Power to take the Pro-
bats of Wills within two Years.* ever, shall have the Power to take the Probats of Wills of Lands, Tenements, Rents, and Tenures, within the said Town, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same, bequeathed within two Years after the Death of the Testator: So that such Tenements and Legacies be proclaimed in full Court of the *Guildhall* of the same Town of *Bristol*, and enrolled in the Rolls of the same Court after such *Proclamati-
on and En-
rolments.* Proclamation, and the Enrolments shall be of Record; and from thence the said Mayor and his Successors may have Power to put the Legacies *put the Le-
gacies in
Execution.* aforesaid in Execution, by his Officers, in Form

of Law, or by due Process to be made before them,
 * *This Writ you may see in the Register.* by Writ * *Ex Gravi Querela*, at the Prosecution and Election of any Man, who will prosecute the same. *And Moreover*, we Will, and by these Presents do Grant, for us, our Heirs and Successors, to the aforesaid now Mayor and Commonalty of the said Town of *Bristol*, and their Successors, That the Mayor, and One Alderman, of the said Town, for the Time being, from Time to Time, thereto to be named, for ever, may have and hold, and before the said Mayor and Alderman so named, may have and hold such and the like Courts, and all, and all manner such and the like Pleas and Plaints, of all and singular Trespasses, Covenants, and other Matters, Causes and Demands, whatsoever, within the Town before-mentioned, and Liberties aforesaid, for the future, happening and chancing, and the Acknowledgment of such Things, as before the Mayor and Sheriffs of the same Town, for the Time being, in the Court of the Mayor and Sheriffs of the same Town, for the Time being, before these Times they have been used and accustomed to be had and held; and that the said Mayor, and One Alderman, of the said Town, so nominated, for the Time being, for ever, may have Authority and Power before

The Mayor and One Alderman to hear and determine Pleas.

In Manner as formerly.

before them in such Courts, to have, hold, hear, and determine every and whatsoever such Pleas and Plaints, in such and the like Manner and Form, as the Mayor and Sheriff of the same Town, for the Time being, hitherto have used to have, hold, and determine, and all the same Pleas and Plaints, and also the Processes, and Executions, thereupon to be made by such Officers of the Court, shall be performed and made, to be obeyed from Time to Time, in the same Manner, as the said Mayor and Sheriff of the same Town, for the Time being, such Pleas and Plaints, and Processes, and Executions, upon such Pleas and Plaints, made, have used and accustomed, to do and execute; and that the said Mayor and Alderman so named, for the Time being, and their *All Fines and Amerci- aments to come to the Mayor and Commonalty.* Successors, for ever, may have and receive, and to the Use and Behoof of the said Mayor and Commonalty of the Town aforesaid, for the Time being, may have and levy, all and singular Issues, Fines, Amerciaments, and Redemptions, before the said Mayor and One Alderman of the Town aforesaid, for the Time being, so to be named, from Time to Time, to be forfeited, made, assed, or adjudged, to them; and in such Manner and Form as the Mayor and Sheriff of the same

Without Account.

*Dated at
Westminster.
24 Sept.
1 Hen. VII.*

*Water Bai-
liff's Office.*

Town, for the Time being, such Issues, Fines, Redemptions, and Amerciaments, before them in such Pleas and Plaints forfeited, assessed, and adjudged, have been used and accustomed to have and receive, and to their Use, levy, without any Account, or any Thing else, to us, our Heirs, or Successors, for the same to be rendred, made, or paid. *And whereas*, also, We, by our other Letters Patents, dated at *Westminster* the 24th of *September*, in the First Year of our Reign, have Given and Granted our well-beloved Subject, *Thomas Hoskins*, the Office of Bailiff of the Water of our Town of *Bristol*, to have and occupy the same Office by himself, or his sufficient Deputy, for Term of his Life, as in the same Letters more fully is contained. *We now*, of our Royal Bounty, have Granted, and by these Presents do Grant, for us, our Heirs and Successors, to the said now Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, That whensoever the said Office of Bailiff of the Water, by the Death, Resignation, Deprivation, Surrender, Dismission, or any other Way whatsoever, whensoever first and next it shall happen to be void; and whensoever the said Bailiff of the Water of the Town aforesaid, shall die, or from the Exercise of Bailiff of the Water's Office

of

of the same Town he shall cease, or for any Cause from the said Office shall be removed, That from thence, the aforesaid now Mayor and Commonality of the Town of *Bristol*, and their Successors, *Granted to the Mayor and Commonality.* for ever, shall be Bailiff of the Water of the said Town of *Bristol*, and may have to them and their Successors, for ever, the said Office of Bailiff of the Water there, commonly called the Office of Water-Bailiff of *Bristol*; and that the said Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, for ever, may have Authority and Power, from Time to Time, as often as Need shall be, at their Will, *Power to depute a Burgeſſ to the Office.* to ordain and constitute, One of the *Burgeſſes* of the same Town, the Bailiff of the Water there, and him to constitute, make, assign, and depute, to and in the same Office of Water-Bailiff of the same Town and Port of *Bristol*, Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts of the same, and all Things to the same Office belonging to be done, executed, and performed, to execute and perform; who *To continue in the Office so long as it shall please the Mayor, &c.* being so nominated, ordained, or deputed to that Office, and from henceforth, from Time to Time, nominated, ordained, and deputed, so long as it shall please the same Mayor and Aldermen of that Town, for the Time being, shall be, and shall be named Bailiff of the Water, *alias, Water*

ter-Bailiff of the same Town; and all and singular other Things, which to the Office of Bailiff of the Water there, doth, or shall belong to be done and exercised, during the Time which he shall be and remain the Bailiff of the Water of that Town, shall do and execute, to be received of, in, and for the aforesaid Office to be executed, as well the aforesaid Mayor that now is, and the Commonalty of the said Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, to the Office of Bailiff of the Water of the same Town, as aforesaid

Water-Bailiff's Fees granted.

to be nominated and constituted, the Wages, Fees, and all other Profits, Commodities, and Emoluments, to the said Office due and antiently accustomed, or any way appertaining; *Yielding* to us,

Rent four Marks in the Exchequer. and our Heirs, at the Exchequer, Four Marks of lawful Money of *England*, yearly, at the Feast of St. *Michael* the Archangel, by the Hands of the Attornies of the said Sheriffs of the County of the Town aforesaid, for the Time being, at the Exchequer of us, our Heirs, or Successors,

Without any Account. be paid without any Account, or any Thing else, besides the said Rent of Four Marks, as aforesaid,

to be paid for the same Office, or for any other Commodities, or Profits, or any other Things, to the said Office any Ways appertaining, to us,

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or our Heirs, to be rendred, or made. Moreover, We have Granted, and by these Presents do Grant, to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty, That the Mayor and Recorder, and the said Five Aldermen, for the Time being, and their Successors, for ever, Six, Five, Four, or Three, of them (of whom the Mayor and Recorder of the same *Justices of
Goal Deli-* Town, shall be Two) may be Justices of us, our *very.*

Heirs and Successors, to deliver all the said Prisons within the said Town of *Bristol*, the Liberties and Precincts of the same, from Time to Time, as often as Need shall be, according to the Law and Custom of our Kingdom of *England*, without any Royal Letters to be had. And that the Mayor of the Town aforesaid, for the Time being, and his Successors, for the Time being, as long as they shall be Mayors of the Town aforesaid, the Recorder of the same Town, for the Time being, so long as he shall be Recorder of the same Town, and the aforesaid Five Aldermen, as long as they shall be Aldermen of the same Town, Six, Five, Four, and Three of Them, (of whom the Mayor and Recorder, for the Time being, shall be Two) may have, for the *The like
Power with
any other
Justices of
Goal Deli-* future, for ever, from Time to Time, as often as Need shall be, in all Things, such and the *like very.*

like Authority and Power within the Town aforesaid, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same, all and singular Things within the same Town, Suburbs, and Precincts aforesaid; and in the same Manner to do, exercise, and execute, as far forth as any other Justices for Delivery of our Goal, or Goals, exercise and execute, or ought, or may have, exercise, and enjoy, any where within our Kingdom aforesaid; *Saving* always, to us, and our Heirs, all and singular Fines, Issues, and A-merciaments, Forfeitures, and other Profits, before the said Justices for Goal Delivery, and every of them to be made, assed, offered, forfeited, or adjudged; so that express Mention of the true yearly Value, or of any other Value, or Certainty, of the aforesaid Premises, or any other the Liberties, or any of them, or of any other Gifts or Grants, by us, or any, or either of our Progenitors, or Predecessors, of the Premises, or any or either of the Premises to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty, or their Predecessors, before this Time made, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, or Provision thereof, to the contrary published, ordained, or provided, or any other Matter or Cause whatsoever, notwithstanding. These being *Witnesses*; our most dear First-born Son, *Arthur*,
Prince

Saving to the King all A-merciaments at Goal Delivery.

Prince of *Wales*, Duke of *Cornwall*, and Earl of *Chester*; and our most Reverend Father in Christ, *John*, Cardinal, Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*, our Chancellor of *England*; and our beloved Second Son, *Henry* Duke of *York*, Marshal of *England*; and the Reverend Father in Christ, *R.* Bishop of *Durham*, Keeper of our Private Seal; and also, our most dear Kinſman, *John*, Earl of *Oxon*, Great Chamberlain, and Admiral of *England*; and *Thomas*, Earl of *Arundel*; and also, our beloved and faithful Sir *Robert Willoughby de Brook*, Steward of our Houshold; Sir *Giles Dawbenny*, of *Dawbenny*, Chamberlain of our Houshold; Sir *Reginald Bray*, and Sir *Richard Guildeford*, Comptrollers of our Houshold; and others.

Dated under our Hand at *Knoll*, the 17th of *Xber*, in the 15th Year of our Reign. *We also* *Dated at Knoll, Xber 17. 15 Hen.* the Charters and Letters aforesaid, and all and *fin-* VII.

gular in the same contained, ratifying and confirming the same, for us, our Heirs and Successors, as much as in us lieth, do accept and approve, and to our now beloved the Mayor, *Burgesses*, and Commonalty, of the same Town of *Bristol*, and their Successors, do Ratify and Confirm, as *Confirmation*, the Charters and Letters aforesaid do reasonably testify. *In Witness* whereof, these our Letters

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Dated at
Westminster.
10 May,
2 Reg.

we have caused to be made Patents. *Witness* My self at *Westminster*, the 10th of *May*, in the Second Year of our Reign. *We* also the Charters and Letters aforesaid, and all and singular Things in the same contained, ratifying and confirming the same, for us and our Heirs, as much as in us lieth, do accept and approve, and to our well-beloved the now Mayor, *Burgeffes*, and Commonalty, of the same Town of *Bristol*, and their Successors, do Ratify and Confirm, as the Charters and Letters aforesaid do reasonably testify. *In Witness* whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. *Witness* My self at

Dated at
Westminster.
12 July,
1 Reg.

Westminster, the 12th of *July*, in the First Year of our Reign. *We* also the Charters and Letters aforesaid, and all and singular Things in the same contained, ratifying and confirming the same for us, and our Heirs, as much as in us lieth, do accept and approve, and to our well-beloved the now Mayor, *Burgeffes*, and Commonalty, and their Successors, of the same Town of *Bristol*, we do Ratify and Confirm, as the Charters and Letters aforesaid do reasonably testify. *In Witness* whereof, these our Letters we have made Patents.

Dated at
Westminster.
1 March,
1 Reg.

Witness My self at *Westminster*, the 1st of *March*, in the First Year of our Reign. *We have more-*

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over, seen the Letters Patents of our most dear Sister, the Lady ELIZABETH, late Queen of England, in these Words; ELIZABETH, by the Q. Eliz. Grace of God, of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these present Letters shall come Greeting.

Whereas our Lord HENRY the Seventh, late King of England, our most dear Grandfather, by his Letters Patents, under his Great Seal of England, made, bearing Date at Knoll the 17th of December, in the Fifteenth Year of his Reign, a- mongst other Things, hath recited, *That whereas He, for the singular Affection and Love which towards the then Mayor and Commonalty of his Town of Bristol did bear, and had, and for Conserva- tion of his Peace, and good Government, and for the good Increase of the Republick of the Town, and County of the same Town, hath Granted, for Himself, his Heirs and Successors, as much as in him lay, to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the same Town, their Heirs and Successors, That from thence, for the future, there shall be in the said Town of Bristol, from Time to Time, for ever, Six Aldermen, in Manner and Form following to be nominated, elected, created, and made; that is to say, That the Re-*

*Recital of
Hen. VII.*

*Dated at
Knoll, Xber
17, 15 Reg.*

*Six Alder-
men.*

The Recorder to be one. corder of the said Town of *Bristol*, which then was Recorder of that Town, and every other Recorder of that Town, for the Time being, in future Times, for ever, for Time to come, shall be One of the said Six Aldermen; and that the remaining Five Aldermen, of the said Six Aldermen, by the Mayor and Common Council of that Town, for the Time being, at their Pleasure, within one Year coming next after the Date of the said Letters Patents, shall be elected, and nominated; which said Recorder may then be nominated an Alderman: And every Recorder of that Town, from thence for the future, from Time to Time, to be chosen or made, at the Time of his Admission into the Office of Recorder of the same Town, before the Mayor of the same Town for the Time being, shall take his Corporal Oath, That he, so long, as the Office of Recorder he shall have and execute there, being all and singular Things which to the Office of an Alderman of that Town may appertain to be done and exercised, well and faithfully shall do, perform and execute. And as well the said Five other Aldermen of the same Town, first and next after the Date of the said Letters Patents, to be chosen and nominated, as every other Alderman of

The Recorder to be sworn.

of the same Town, for ever, to be chosen or named, from the Time they are elected, made, and created, shall take, and every of them shall *The Alder-*
take their Corporal Oath, severally, the Office of *men to be*
sworn. an Alderman of the said Town, well and faithfully to do, exercise, and perform, so long as they shall be and continue in the Office of an Alderman of the said Town, before the Mayor and Recorder of the Town aforesaid, for the Time being, in such Election, Nomination, and Making, into the Office of Alderman of that Town; and that as well the said Five Aldermen of that Town, from thence first to be chosen, and every of them, as every other Alderman of that Town, henceforth, for ever, from Time to Time, to be chosen or nominated, after that they are so elected, shall have, and every of them shall have within the Town aforesaid, Liberties, and Precincts thereof, as long as they remain in the Office of One of the Aldermen of the said Town of *Bristol*, shall have and exercise the like Power and Jurisdiction, *The Alder-* in, and by all Things, as the Aldermen, or any *men to have* *the like Au-*
Alderman, of our City of *London*, within the same *thority as the* *Aldermen in* City, then had, executed, or performed. *And London.*
Whereas, also, the said late King, by his Letters Patents aforesaid, for Himself, his Heirs and

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Successors, Willed and Granted to the aforesaid then Mayor and Commonalty of the said Town of *Bristol*, their Heirs and Successors, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the said Town of *Bristol*, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, might, from Time to Time, for ever hereafter,

Deposing of Aldermen. by their Discretion, remove and depose every, or any, of the said Five Aldermen of that Town, for the Time being, as often, and whensoever they shall please, and other or others, of the HONEST *Burgesses* of the same Town, in the Place of him or them removed, into the Place or Places

And choose others. of Alderman, or Aldermen, of the same Town, to choose, create, and make, who into the Place of Alderman, or Aldermen, of the same Town, for the Time being, or by the Major Part of them,

To be sworn. elected and nominated, the like Oath before the Mayor and Recorder of that Town, for the Time being, shall take, in Manner and Form as the said Five Aldermen, as aforesaid, first from thence to be chosen, should make and take; and that whensoever, and as often foever, as any one of the Aldermen as aforesaid, from Time to Time

Upon the Death, &c. of an Alderman. to be chosen and nominated, shall die, or from such his Office depart, or for any Causē from the Office of Alderman of that Town, be remov-

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ed, That then, and so often it may be lawful to the Mayor and other Aldermen of the Town aforesaid, for the Time being, then surviving and *The Major Part to choose others.* remaining, by Themselves, or the Major Part of them, another, or others, of the honest and circumspect *Burgesses* of that Town, in the Place of him or them, so deceased, departed, or removed, to be Alderman, or Aldermen, of the Town aforesaid, to choose, make, and create, as often as Need shall be, and the Case require, which said Persons, so as aforesaid elected and made, shall take the like Oath in the same Manner and *To be sworn also.* Form, as other the aforesaid Aldermen, from thence first to be elected, did make and take. And that all, and singular Aldermen of the Town aforesaid, for Time to come, for ever, in Manner and Form aforesaid, to be chosen, named, or made, after that into the Office of Aldermen of the same Town they shall be elected, made, and sworn, may have and every of them may have, in the Town aforesaid, and within the Liberties and Precincts of the same, the like Authority and Power, so *The like Power as in London.* long as in that Office of Alderman they shall abide, or the Office of Aldermen of the Town aforesaid, may have and exercise, as the Aldermen of his City of *London*, within the same City, then

then had, exercised, and executed. *And whereas* moreover, the aforesaid late King HENRY the Seventh, by his Letters Patents aforesaid, for Him, his Heirs and Successors aforesaid, did grant to the said Mayor and Commonalty and their Successors, That from thence, for the future, the *The Mayor, &c. to be Justices of the Peace.* Mayor and Recorder of the Town aforesaid, which then were, and who, for the Time, shall be; and the aforesaid Five Aldermen, from Time to Time, as aforesaid, to be chosen, and their Successors, and every of them, when, as aforesaid, they shall be elected, made, and created, so long as they shall continue to be Aldermen of the Town aforesaid, jointly and severally, they shall be Keepers and Justices of the Peace of Him, his Heirs, and Successors, and the Justices of Him, his Heirs and Successors, for Conservation of the Peace of Him, his Heirs and Successors, within the said Town of *Bristol*, the Liberties of the County of the same Town, and Precincts of the same, as well by Land, as by Water, and the Justices of Him, his Heirs and Successors, for the keeping, and causing to be kept, all the Ordinances and Statutes made and published at *Winchester*, *Northampton*, and *Westminster*, for Conservation of his Peace; and also the Statutes and Ordinances there, *And for keeping several Statutes.* and

and any where else made, touching Hunters, Workmen, Artificers, Servants, Hostlers, Weights, Measures, Sellers of Victuals, Beggars, Vagabonds, and all other Men begging, who call themselves Travelling-Men; and all Statutes and Ordinances at *Westminster*, in the First and Second Years of the Reign of HENRY the Fourth, late King of *England*, deceased, the Predecessor of the said late K. HENRY the Seventh, concerning Badges of Societies, Knts. Esqrs. or Valets, and other Liveries of Cloths, not to be given, nor of the same Livery any way to be used: And also of a certain Statute against Lollards, in a Parliament of HENRY the Fifth, late King of *England*, deceased, lately made and published at *Leicester*; and another certain Statute in Parliament of the same King, held and published at *Westminster*, touching the Counterfeiting, Clipping, Washing, and other Falsifying of Money of our Land: And all other Statutes and Ordinances for the Good of the Peace, and quiet Rule and Governance of his People, published, and from thence afterwards to be published in all their Articles, according to all the Force, Form, and Effect of the same, in the said County of the Town of *Bristol*, and within the same Town, Liberties, and Precincts thereof, as well by Land as by Water,

ter, to be kept, or made to be kept. And all those Persons who against the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, or any of them, they shall find offending, to correct and punish, or cause to be corrected and punished, as according to the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid may be done. And all those who any of his People within the County of the Town and Liberties aforesaid, shall

To take Sureties of the good Behaviour.
threaten in their Bodies, or to fire their Houses and Goods, to find sufficient Security for their Peace

and good Behaviour towards the late King HENRY the Seventh, his Heirs and Successors, for the Time being, and all his People to be found, before them, according to due Form of Law, to cause to come; and if they do refuse to find such Security, then to commit them to the Prison of the same late King HENRY the Seventh, and cause them to be kept safe, until in the Town aforesaid they may find such Security. *And whereas* also, the late King HENRY the Seventh, by his Letters Patents aforesaid, did Will and Grant to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the said Town of *Bristol*, their Heirs and Successors, That the said Mayor, Recorder, and other Five Aldermen of the same Town, for the Time being, Six, Five, Four, and Three of them, (whereof the Mayor, or Recorder of the same Town,

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for the Time being, always shall, and ought to be one) from Time to Time, and for Time to come, should be Justices of him the said late King HENRY the Seventh, and of his Heirs and Successors, to enquire *To enquire of Treasons, Felonies, and Trespasses.* by the Oaths of good and lawful Men of that County and Town, as well within Liberties as without, by whom the Truth of the Matter may be the better known, of all Treasons, Murders, Rapes of Women, and other Felonies whatsoever; and of all other Trespasses, Riots, Routs, unlawful Conventicles, Embraceries, Maintenances, Champerties, Extortions, Confederacies, Conspiracies, Trespasses, Regrations, and Forestallings, within the County of the Town, Precincts, and Liberties aforesaid, by whomsoever, or in any way whatsoever made or done, or hereafter happening to be committed: And also of those who lie, or hereafter shall presume to lie in Wait to maim or kill the People of the said late K. HENRY the Seventh: And also of those who have used Caps, and other Liveries of one Suit, by Consideration, and for Maintenance, contrary to the Prohibition and Form of any Ordinances and Statutes therefore heretofore made in the County of the Town and Liberties aforesaid, and such other Caps and Liveries from thence, for the future, using: And also of all and singular those who with-

in the County of the Town, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid, against the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, or any of them, in any Thing shall offend, or from thence, any Thing to the contrary thereof shall presume to attempt: And also to enquire of all Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Constables, and Keepers of Goals, who within the County of the Town, Precincts, and Liberties aforesaid, in the Execution of their Offices towards Artificers, Servants, Labourers, Victuallers, Hostlers, Beggars, and Vagabonds, and other Persons whatsoever, aforesaid, according to the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, do unduly behave themselves, and from thence do presume unduly to behave themselves, or shall be slothful, remiss, or negligent, and from thence shall happen to be slothful, remiss, or negligent, of all and singular Articles and Circumstances, any way concerning all and singular the Premises; and other Things against the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, by whomsoever and howsoever done or committed, and who thenceforth there shall happen to do or attempt: And also all Indictments whatsoever, as well before the same Justices of him the same late King HENRY the Seventh, his Heirs or Successors, or any of them, or others, late Keepers of the Peace,

Peace, or Justices of the said late King HENRY the Seventh, or of the Lords EDWARD the Fourth, EDWARD the Fifth, late Kings of *England*; or, RICHARD the Third, late King of *England*, assigned to hear and determine such Trespasses and Offences in the County of the Town, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid, by Virtue of divers Letters Patents of the said late King HENRY the Seventh, and of the said Lords EDWARD, EDWARD, and RICHARD, or any of them, to them, and any other Persons whatsoever, in the County of the Town, Liberties, and Precincts of the same, done, taken, and not yet determin'd, as before the said Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, Six, Five, Four, and Three of them (of whom the Mayor, or Recorder, of the same Town, for the Time being, to be One) Justices of the said late King HENRY the Seventh, his Heirs and Successors, taken, or to be taken, to be inspected, and the Process thereof, and Process against all others, which before the same Justices of the said late King, his Heirs and Successors, of the Premises, or any of them, from thence may happen for the future to be indicted, until they be taken, rendred, or outlawed, to make and continue: And also all and singular Things, which contrary to the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes afo-

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said, or the weakening of them, or any of them, within the County of the Town, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid, done and committed, or that shall be attempted, and which there, from thence for the future, shall happen to be acted, done, or attempted, as well at the Suit of Him the late King HENRY the Seventh, as any other Persons whatsoever, before the same Justices, for Him, his Heirs and Successors, or for Themselves, willing to complain, or prosecute, to hear, and according to the Law and Custom of our Kingdom of *England*, and according to the Form of the Ordinances and Sta-

As amply as any other Justices in England. tutes aforesaid, to determine, in as ample Manner and Form as any other Justices of the Peace of the said late King HENRY the Seventh, his Heirs and Successors, or any other Justices of the Peace of the same late King, his Heirs, or Successors, any where in any other County of our Kingdom of *England*, may, or might, hear and determine: And also the Trespasses and Forestallings aforesaid, and all other Things not declared, to be determined at the Suit of the same late King only: And all other Things, which by Virtue of any Ordinances and Statutes, by the Keepers of the Peace of the same late King, his Heirs and Successors, and the Justices of him, his Heirs and Successors, ought so to be

be discussed and determined, to hear and determine: And every one, who contrary to the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes, or any of them, aforesaid, offending by Fines, Redemptions, and *To punish by Fine.* Amerciaments, or in any other Manner, for their Offences, to correct and punish, as before the Ordinance for Corporal Punishment of such Offenders for their Offences, were wont to be exercised any where within the Kingdom of *England*, did appertain, or might appertain to be done, or executed, heard or determined: And that the said Mayor and Commonalty, their Heirs and Successors, for ever, should have all, and all manner and singular Fines, Redemptions, Issues, Forfeitures, *The Mayor and Commonalty to have all Fines.* and Amerciaments, before the aforesaid Justices, and every of them, from Time to Time, for ever, to be done, assed, forfeited, and adjudged: And that it shall be lawful to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, from Time to Time, as often as Need shall be, all and singular such Issues, Forfeitures, Fines, Redemptions, and Amerciaments, adjudged, and to be adjudged, and assed, by the Sheriffs, or other Officers of the same Town, who then were, and who for the Time should be, to the Use of the said then Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, to collect

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the Fines.*

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s or Proces-
ses to be made
out of the
Exchequer
for their
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collect and levy, and themselves into Seisin and Possession of the same may put, as the Sheriffs, Officers, or Ministers, of the said late K. HENRY the Seventh, his Heirs and Successors, and for him, his Heirs and Successors, may, might, or ought, to the Use of the same late King, his Heirs and Successors, to Receive and Levy, if the same to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, had not been granted, without any Account, or any other Thing to the said late King, his Heirs or Successors, therefore to be rendred, made, or paid: And that neither the Treasurer of the said late K. HENRY the Seventh, his Heirs, or Successors, nor the Barons of the Exchequer of him, his Heirs, or Successors, nor any of them, nor any other the Justices, Officers, or Ministers of him, his Heirs, or Successors, from thence, for the future, should make, or cause to be made, any Proces, or Processes, against such Justices of the Peace, or any Justice, or Justices, aforesaid, or any of their Successors, their Heirs, or Executors, or any of them, for any of their Estreats of any Fines, Redemptions, Issues, Forfeitures, or Amerciaments, or any other Things before the said Justices of the late K. HENRY the Seventh, his Heirs, or Successors, adjudged, forfeited, or assefsed,

assessed, or from thenceforth to be adjudged, Forfeited, or assessed, at, or in his Exchequer, or elsewhere, to be levied, or cause to be levied: And that any other Justices of the Peace of him, No other Justices to intermeddle. his Heirs, or Successors, or any other Justices of his Heirs or Successors, to any Ordinances and Statutes, concerning the Premises, or any of the Premises, enacted or ordained, within the Town, County, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid, happening, or chancing, or to any Office of, or for them, or any of them, there to be exercised, done, or executed, in any wise there, themselves should not intermeddle, or any of them, Himself should not intermeddle, or any Jurisdiction thereof have or exercise: And that the Mayor of the Town aforesaid, for the Time being, and his Successors, for the Time being, so long as he shall continue Mayor of the Town aforesaid, the Recorder of the same Town for the Time being, so long as he shall be Recorder of that Town, and the aforesaid Five Aldermen, and their Successors, so long as they shall be Aldermen of the same Town, Six, Five, Four, or Three of Them (of whom the Mayor and Recorder for the Time being, should be Two) should have, for the future, for ever, from Time to Time, as often as Need should be,

Their Power. in all Things, such and the like Authorities and Powers, within the Town aforesaid, Suburbs and Precincts aforesaid, and in the same Manner and Form, to be done, exercised, and executed, as any other Justices of Goal Delivery, may have, exercise, and execute, any where within the aforesaid Kingdom of *England*; *Saving always*, to the said late King *HENRY* the Seventh, and his Heirs, all and singular Fines, Issues, and Amerciaments, Forfeitures, and other Profits, before the said Justices of Goal Delivery of the said Town, and every of them, to be made, assesseſſed, forfeited, and adjudged, as by the said Letters Patents to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the aforesaid Town of *Bristol*, made, amongst other Things, more fully is manifest, and doth appear; which said Town of *Bristol* afterwards was erected and

*The Town
made a City.
Charter dated
5 July, 34
Hen. VIII.* made the *CITY* of *BRISTOL*, as at this Time it is, and doth remain. *We* therefore, considering that the same our *City* of *Bristol* is a large and populous *City*, and willing that for the future a certain and undoubted Method in the same our *City* of *Bristol*, of and concerning the Custody of our Peace, and the Rule and Government of our People there, continually may be had; and as such a *City* in future Times may be, and remain a *City*

a City of Peace and Quiet, to the Fear and Terror of Evil Men, and the Reward of good Men; and also, That our Peace, and other Acts of Justice, without further Pretence of Delay, there may be kept, and done; and weighing the Fidelity and Obedience which the Citizens of our City of *Bristol*, to us, hitherto in all Things, willingly have shewed, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, *We* have Granted, and for us, our Heirs and Successors, as much as in us lieth, do Grant, by these Presents, to the Mayor and Commonalty of the same City of *Bristol*, and their Successors, That for the future, there may be in the same City of *Bristol*, from Time to Time, for *Twelve Aldermen.* ever, **Twelve Aldermen**, in Manner and Form following, to be named and elected, created and made, *viz.* That the Recorder of the aforesaid City of *Bristol*, which now is Recorder of the same City, and *The Recorder to be one.* every other Recorder of that City, for the Time being, in Time to come, shall be One of the Twelve Aldermen; and that the remaining Eleven of the said Twelve Aldermen, by the Mayor and Common Council of our City of *Bristol*, for the Time being, at their Liberty, within One Year next after the Date of these Presents, may be chosen and nominated; which said Recorder and Alderman

so nominated, and every Recorder of our City of *Bristol*, for the future, from Time to Time to be chosen or made, at the Time of his Admission into the Office of Recorder of the same City before the Mayor of the same City of *Bristol*, for *The Recorder to take his Oath before the Mayor.* the Time being, shall take his Corporal Oath, That he, so long as he the Office of Recorder of the same City shall have and exercise there, all and singular Things which to the Office of an Alderman of the same City shall appertain to be done and performed, well and faithfully shall do, exercise, and execute: And as well the aforesaid Eleven Aldermen of the same City, first and next to be chosen and named, as every other Alderman of the same City, for the future, to be chosen or named, when from this Time they are elected, made, and created, their *The 11 Aldermen to be sworn before the Mayor & Recorder.* Corporal Oaths of the Office of Alderman of that City, well and faithfully, severally, to do, execute and perform, as long as in the Office of Aldermen of the same City they shall remain, and shall be Aldermen of that City, before the Mayor and Recorder of the Town aforesaid, for the Time being, in such Creation, Nomination, Election, and Making, in the Office of Aldermen of that City, shall take, and every of them shall take;

take; That as well the said Twelve Aldermen of the same City, from that Time first to be chosen, and every of them, as every other Alderman of the same City, for the future, from Time to Time, to be chosen or nominated, after they are so elected, made and sworn, may have, and every of them may have, within the City aforesaid, the Liberties and Precincts of the same, so long as they the Office of One of the Aldermen of the said City of *Bristol*, shall have and exercise, the like Power and Jurisdiction, in all *Power of the Aldermen.* Things, and by all Things, as the Aldermen of our City of *London*, or any of them within the same City of *London*, have, exercise, or execute. And *We Will*, and for us, our Heirs and Successors, by these Presents do Grant, to the aforesaid now Mayor and Commonalty of the said City of *Bristol*, and their Successors, That the Mayor and Aldermen of the said City of *Bristol*, for the *Major Part to remove, & elect others.* Time being, or the Major Part of them, may, from Time to Time, perpetually, for Time to come, by their Discretion, remove and depose any of the said Eleven Aldermen of the City of *Bristol*, for the Time being, as often and whensoever they please, and other, or others, of the more HONEST Citizens of the same City, who first the Office of Mayor have

have undergone, and had; and for Defect of such Citizens, who the Office of Mayor of the same City have born, then of other antient and grave Citizens of the same City, being out of the Common Council of the same City, in the Place of him or them so removed, to be Alderman or Aldermen of the same City, anew to choose, create, and make, who to be Alderman or Aldermen of that City, for the Time being, by the Mayor and Aldermen of that City, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, elected and nominated, the like Oath before the Mayor and Recorder of that City, for the Time being, shall make in Manner and Form as the said Twelve Aldermen, as is aforesaid, first and afterwards to be chosen, shall take and make: And that whensover, and as often as any of the Aldermen aforesaid, from Time to Time, to be chosen and nominated, shall die, or from that Office shall depart, or for any Cause from the Office of Aldermen of the same City of *Bristol* be removed, That from thence, and so often it shall be lawful for the Mayor and other Aldermen of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, for the Time being, then surviving and remaining, by Themselves, or the Major Part of them, other, or others, of the more

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like Oath.*

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*The Mayor
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Aldermen to
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HONEST and circumspect *Burgesses* of the same City of *Bristol*, in the Place of him so deceasing, departing, or removed, or of them so deceasing, departing, or removed, to be Alderman, or Aldermen of that City, to elect, make, and create, as often as Need shall be, and the Case require, who being so, as aforesaid, elected and made, the like *To take the like Oath.* Oath shall take, in the same Manner and Form, as other, the aforesaid Aldermen, from thence first to be chosen, shall make and take: And that all and singular Aldermen of the said City of *Bristol*, for the future, at all Times, in Manner and Form aforesaid, to be elected, nominated, or made, after into the Office of Aldermen of the same City they shall be elected and sworn, may have, and every of them may have, in the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and within the Precincts and Liberties of the same City of *Bristol*, the like Authority *The same Powers as the Aldermen in* and Power, so long as in the Office of Alderman, or Aldermen, of that City they shall be, or the London. *Office of Alderman, or Aldermen, of that City shall have and execute, as the Aldermen of our City of London, within the same City of London, have, exercise, and execute. And moreover, we do Grant for us, our Heirs and Successors, to the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said City of Bristol,*

Bristol, and to their Successors, by these Presents,
 The Mayor That, for the future, the Mayor and Recorder of
 Recorder and the same City of *Bristol*, which are now, and who
 11 Aldermen to be Justices for the Time shall be, and the aforesaid Eleven
 to be Justices of the Peace.

Aldermen, from Time to Time as aforesaid to be chosen, and their Successors, and every of them, when as aforesaid they are elected, made, and created, as long as they shall continue and be Aldermen of our City of *Bristol*, either jointly, or severally, shall be Justices, for the Conservation of the Peace of us, our Heirs and Successors, within our said City of *Bristol*, Liberties of the County of the same City, and Precincts of the same, as well by Land as by Water; and the Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, for all Ordinances and Statutes, at *Winchester*, *Northampton*, and

To put in execution sever- al Statutes. *Westminster*, for Conservation of our Peace; and also the Statutes and Ordinances there, and elsewhere, touching Hunters, Workmen, Artificers, Servants, Hostlers, Weights, Measures, Selling of Victuals, Beggars and Vagabonds, and all other Men Begging, who call themselves Travelling-Men; and the Statutes and Ordinances at *Westminster*, in the First and Second Years of the Reign of the aforesaid King HENRY the Fourth, concerning Liveries, of Badges of Societies, Knights, Esquires,

Esquires, or Valets, and other Liveries of Cloths, not to be Given, nor the same Liveries in any wise to be used; and also the aforesaid Statutes against Lollards in the Parliament of the afore-*Lollards.* said late King HENRY the Fifth, at *Leicester*, aforesaid, lately held, set forth; and the Statutes touching Counterfeiting, Clipping, Washing, and other Falsifying the Money of our Land, likewise set forth; and all other Statutes and Ordinances, for the Good of the Peace, and quiet Government and Rule of our People, published, and for the future to be published in all their Articles, according to the Force, Form, and Effect of the same, in the said County of the City of *Bristol*, and within the same City, Liberties, and Precincts thereof, as well by Land as by Water, to be kept, and made to be kept; and all those who contrary to the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, or any of them they shall find offending, to correct and punish, or cause to be corrected and punished, as according to the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, ought to be done: And all those Persons who towards any of our People within the County of the City and Liberties of *Bristol* aforesaid, have made Threats of their Bodies, or of the Burning of their Hou-

ses, sufficient Security of the Peace and good Behaviour towards us, our Heirs and Successors, for the future; and all our People to be found, before them, by due Form of Law, to cause to come: And if such Security they refuse to find, then them to our Prisons of the County and City of *Bristol* aforesaid, to commit, until such Security they shall find, safely to be kept. *We Will* also, and by these Presents do Grant, to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of our said City of *Bristol*, their Heirs and Successors, That the said Mayor, Recorder, and other Eleven Aldermen, of the same City, for the Time being, Eleven, Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven, Six, Five, Four, and Three of them (of whom the Mayor and Recorder of the same City, for the Time being, wholly shall be Two) from Time to Time, for ever, may, and shall be Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, to enquire by the Oaths of good and lawful Men of the County and City of *Bristol*, as well within Liberties, as without, by whom the Truth of the Matter may be the better known, of all Treasons, Murders, Rapes of Women, and other Felonies whatsoever, of all Trespasses, Riots, Routs, unlawful Conventicles, Embraceries, Maintenances, Champerties, Extortions, Confederacies,

Quorum.

*Dyer and
Terminer.*

cies, Conspiracies, Trespasses, Registrators, and Fore-stallers, within the County of the City, Precincts, and Liberties of *Bristol* aforesaid, by whomsoever and howsoever made or done, and henceforth happening to be made or done: And also, of those Persons who lie in wait, or henceforth shall presume to lie in wait to maim or kill any of our People: And also, of those who Caps and other Liveries of one Suit, by Confederacies, and for Maintenance, against the Prohibition and Form of any Ordinances or Statutes therefore, before this Time, made, in the County of the City and Liberties of *Bristol* aforesaid, have used, and other such Caps and Liveries, for the future to be used. And also, of all and singular those Persons, who within the County of the City, Precincts and Liberties of *Bristol* aforesaid, against the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, or any of them, that in any Thing shall offend, or henceforth presume to attempt any Thing to the contrary thereof: And also, to enquire of all Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Constables, and Goalers, who within the County of the City, Precincts, and Liberties of *Bristol* aforesaid, in the Execution of their Offices, against Artificers, Servants, Labourers, Victuallers, Hostlers, Beggars, and Vagabonds, and all others aforesaid, whatso-
Caps and Liveries by Confederacy.

ever, according to the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, unduly Themselves have carried, and from henceforth unduly shall presume to carry themselves, or have been slothful, remiss, or negligent, and from henceforth shall happen to be slothful, remiss, or negligent; and of all and singular Articles and Circumstances, concerning all and singular the Premises whatsoever, and other Things, contrary to the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, by whomsoever and howsoever done or committed, and that from hence may happen there to be done or attempted: And also, all Indictments whatsoever, as well before the said Justices of us, our Heirs, and Successors, or any of them, or any others, late Keepers of our Peace, and Justices of us, our Heirs, or of the said late Kings, EDWARD the Fourth, EDWARD the Fifth, or the aforesaid RICHARD the Third, late King of *England*, for such Trespasses and Offences in the County of the City, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid, to hear and determine, assigned, by Virtue of divers Letters Patents of Ours, or the said Lords, EDWARD, EDWARD, and RICHARD, or any of them, to them, and all other Persons whatsoever, in the County of the City, Liberties, and Precincts of the

the same, done and not determined, as well before the said Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, Eleven, Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven, Six, Five, Four, and Three of them (of whom the Mayor or Recorder of the same City for the Time being, shall be One) Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, taken, and to be taken, and inspected: And also Process against all and singular Persons, who before the Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, of the Premises, or any of them, that for the future shall happen to be indicted, until they be taken, Rendred, or outlawed, to be done, and continued: And also, all and singular Things which contrary to the Form of the Ordinances, and Statutes aforesaid, or to the enervating the same, or any of them, within the County of the City, the Liberties and Precincts of *Bristol* aforesaid, done, acted, or attempted, and which there hereafter shall happen to be done, acted, or attempted, as well at our Suit, as any other, before the said Justices for us, our Heirs, or Successors, or for Themselves, willing to complain or prosecute, to hear, and according to the Law and Custom of our Kingdom of *England*, and according to the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes, *Power of the Justices.* aforesaid, to determine in as ample Manner and

Form

Form as any other Justices of the Peace of us, our Heirs, and Successors, or any other Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, any where else in any County of our Kingdom of *England*, may, or might hear and determine: And also the Trespasses and Forestallings aforesaid, and all other Things above to be determined, not declared, at our Suit only; and all other Things which by Virtue of any Ordinances and Statutes by the Keepers of the Peace of us our Heirs and Successors, and the Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, in like Manner ought to be discussed, and determined, to hear and determine: And all those against the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, or any of them, offending by Fines, Redemptions, Amerciaments, and other Manner and Form, for their Offences to chastise and punish, as before, by the Ordinance for Corporal Punishment of such Offenders for their Offences, hath been accustomed to be done any where within the Kingdom of *England*, hath, or shall appertain to be done, or executed, heard or determined: And that the Mayor and Commonalty of the aforesaid City of *Bristol*, for the Time being, and their Successors, for ever, may have all, and all Manner and singular Fines, Redemptions, Issues,

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Forfeitures
granted.*

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Forfeitures, and Amerciaments, before the aforesaid Justices, and every of them, from Time to Time, for Time to come, to be made, assed, forfeited, and adjudged: And that it shall be lawful for the said Mayor and Commonalty, and their Successors, from Time to Time, as often as Need shall be, all and singular such Issues, Forfeitures, Fines, Redemptions, and Amerciaments, adjudged, and to be adjudged, or assed, by the Sheriffs, or other Officers of the same City of *Bristol*, The Sheriff to levey them. who now are, and who, for the Time to come, shall be, to the Use of the said now Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Bristol*, and their Successors, to collect and levy, and themselves into Seisin and Possession thereof may put, as the Sheriffs, Officers, or Ministers of us, our Heirs, or Successors, in that Behalf for us, our Heirs, and Successors, may, might, or ought, to the Use of us, our Heirs and Successors, to take and levy, as if the same to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and their Successors, had not been granted, without any Account, or other Thing, to us, our Without Accounts. Heirs, or Successors, for the same to be rendred, made, or paid: And that neither the Treasurer of us, our Heirs, or Successors, and the Barons

*No Process
to be made
from the
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of the Exchequer of us, our Heirs, or Successors, or the Barons of the Exchequer of us, our Heirs, or Successors, nor any of Them, nor any other Justices, Officers, or Ministers, of us, our Heirs, or Successors, for the future, shall make, or cause to be made, any Process, or Processes, against such Justices of the Peace, or any, or either of the Justices aforesaid, or any of their Successors, their Heirs, or Executors, or any of them, for any of their Eſtreats of any Fines, Redemptions, Iſſues, Forfeitures, or Amerciaments, or any other Things, before the ſaid Justices of us, our Heirs, or Successors, of the City of *Briſtol* aforesaid, adjudged, forfeited, or aſſeſſed, or hereafter to be adjudged, forfeited, or aſſeſſed, at, or in our Exchequer, or elsewhere, to be delivered, or cauſed to be deli- vered: And that any other Justices of the Peace

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of us, our Heirs, or Successors, or any of them, or any other the Justices of us, our Heirs, or Successors, for any Ordinances and Statutes, con- cerning the Premiſes, or any of them, made, or ordained, within the City, County, Liberties, and Precincts of *Briſtol* aforesaid, happening, or chancing; or any other Office concerning, or for them, or any of them, there to be exercised, made, or executed, in any Thing there; nor any of them

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shall not intermeddle, nor any of them shall intermeddle, or any Jurisdiction thereof have and exercise. And that the Mayor of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, for the Time being, and his Successors, for the Time being, as long as Mayor of the City aforesaid they shall be, the Recorder of the same City, as long as Recorder of the same City he shall be, and the aforesaid Eleven Aldermen, and their Successors, as long as Aldermen of the same City they shall be, Eleven, Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven, Six, Five, Four, and Three *Justices of Goal Delivery.* of them (of whom the Mayor and Recorder for the Time being, shall be Two) may have for the future, for ever, from Time to Time, as often as Need shall be, in all Things, such and the like Authority and Power within the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same, all and singular Things within the same City, Suburbs, and Precincts aforesaid, and in the same Manner and Form to be done, exercised, and executed, such and the like, as other Justices for Goal Delivery have, exercise, and execute, or may, or ought to have, exercise, and execute, any where within our Kingdom of *England* aforesaid; *Saving Fines and Forfeitures always, to us, our Heirs and Successors, all and saved to the singular Fines, Issues, and Amerciaments, Forfei-* King.

tures, and other Profits, before the said Justices of Goal Delivery of the said City of *Bristol*, and every of them, to be made, assessed, affeered, forfeited, or adjudged, so that there be express Mention of the true Yearly Value, or of any other Value, or Certainty of the Premises, or any of them, or of any other Gifts or Grants, by us, or any of our Progenitors or Predecessors, to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of our City of *Bristol*, before this Time made, in these Presents not made, any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provision, Proclamation, or Restraint, thereof to the contrary, heretofore had, made, published, ordained, or provided, or any other Thing, Cause, or Matter whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding.

In Witness whereof these our Letters we have made Patents. *Witness* My self at *Westminster*,

Dated at
Westminst.
28 July,
23 Reg.

the 28th of July, in the 23d Year of our Reign. We also the several Charters aforesaid, and all and singular Things in the same contained and specified, allowing, and agreeing to the same, for us, our Heirs and Successors, as much as in us lieth, we do approve and accept; and the same

Confirmation. to the now Mayor, *Burgesses*, and Commonalty, of the City of *Bristol*, their Heirs and Successors, do Ratify and Confirm, as the aforesaid se-

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veral Charters in themselves do reasonably testify. *In Witness* whereof, these our Letters we have made Patents. *Witness* My self at *Westminster*, the 12th of *July*, in the Year of our Reign of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, the 2d, and of *Scotland* ^{Dated at} *Westminster*, the 37th. *We also* the several Charters aforesaid, and all and singular Things in the same contained and specified, allowing, and approving the same, for us, our Heirs and Successors, as much as in us lieth, do accept and approve; and the *Confirmations* same to the now Mayor, *Burgesses*, and *Commonalty* of the City of *Bristol*, and their Successors, do Ratify and Confirm, as the several Charters aforesaid in themselves do reasonably witness. *In Witness* whereof, these our Letters we have made Patents. *Witness* My self at *Canterbury*, the 18th ^{Dated at} *Canterbury* of *August*, in the 2d Year of our Reign. *We* ^{18 August,} *have also seen* certain other Letters Patents of our ² *Car.* most dear Father aforesaid, made in these Words;

— CH A R L E S by the Grace of God, of K. Charles I. England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting. Where-
as, the Lord EDWARD the Third, late King K. Edw. III of *England*, our Progenitor, of famous Memory, by his Letters Patents, bearing Date at *Woodstock*

Recited Aug. the 8th of *August*, in the 47th Year of his Reign,
8. 47 Reg. for Causes and Considerations in the said Letters

Patents specified, did Grant to his *Burgesses* of
the Town of *Bristol*, and their Heirs and Suc-
cessors, for ever, That the said Town of *Bristol*,
with the Suburbs and Precincts thereof, accord-
ing to the Metes and Bounds, as then they were
limited from the Counties of *Gloucester* and *Som-
erset*, for the future, from thence should be
seperated in like Manner, and in all Things ex-
empted, as well by Land as by Water, and should
be a County by it self, and the County of *Bri-
stol* should be called for ever. And the Lord

K. Hen. VIII the Eighth, late King of *England*, by
5 July.
34 Reg.

his Letters Patents, bearing Date the 5th of *July*, in the 34th Year of his Reign, did Will and
Ordain, that the said Town of *Bristol* from thence
forth, for ever, should be a City, and that it should
be called and named the **CITY** of **BRISTOL**. He
Willed also, and Decreed, That the County of the
said Town of *Bristol*, for the future, for ever,
should be called and named the County of his
City of *Bristol*; and thence-forth, for ever, the
County of the City of *Bristol* Willed and De-
creed that it should be called and named, as by
the aforesaid Letters Patents it doth appear. And
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lation.*

*That it be a
County.*

*Bristol made
a City.*

the same *Burgesses* and Mayor and Commonalty of the Town of *Bristol*, and the Mayor and Commonalty of our City of *Bristol*, divers Liberties, Franchises, Privileges, and Freedoms, as well by Virtue of several Letters Patents by our Progenitors, thereof made, have had, used, and enjoyed within the Town, City and County aforesaid, and Suburbs, Limits, and Bounds of the same. And the Mayor, Sheriffs, Escheators, Coroners, and Justices of the Peace, for Felonies, Trespasses, and other Misdemeanors in the Town, County, and City aforesaid, assigned, and other Officers and Ministers within the Town and City aforesaid, constituted those Things, which to their several Offices do belong, hitherto have exercised, and do exercise in the Town, County, and City aforesaid. *And Whereas*, our Castle of *Bristol*, which is our De-
The Castle of
mesne, and Parcel of our Ancient Possession of
our Crown of *England*, and the Walls of the same,
the Ditches and Banks about the same, and also,
all Houses and Buildings, Courts, Orchards, Gar-
dens, Waters, Water-Courses, Lands, Grounds, and
Soils, within the Circuits, Limits, or Precincts of
the same Castle, within our County of *Gloucester* The Castle
declared to be
in the County
of Gloucester.
now are situate, and being distant from our Ci-
ty of *Gloucester* by the Space of Thirty Miles,
and.

Thirty Miles from Gloucester. and are situate out of the City of *Bristol*, and County of the aforesaid City of *Bristol*, not being Part of the same, yet being to the said City of *Bristol*, and County of the City of *Bristol*, contiguously adjoining. *And Whereas*, by good Certificate,

Because no Justices live near. we understand, that the same, by Reason that no Justices of the aforesaid County of *Gloucester* near the said Castle do inhabit, and the Officers of the aforesaid City of *Bristol* have no

Power to execute any Authority or Jurisdiction there, many Thieves, Malefactors, and other disorderly Livers, and also divers Persons, able and fit for our Service in War, when there shall be Need of their Service, into the Castle aforesaid have fled, and from thence have escaped very often unpunished, in Contempt of us, our Laws and Justice, and to the Aggrievance, Damage, and Prejudice of our good Subjects. *Know ye*, That we the Premises considering, and all Things, as much as in us lieth, that may happen prejudicial or hurtful to the Common-Wealth, and our faithful Subjects desiring fitting Remedy to provide, and also at the Request of our dearly beloved Consort the Lady *Henrietta Maria*, the Queen, and of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, we have Willed, Ordained, Constituted,

And at the Request of the Queen.

tuted, and Granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Will, Ordain, Constitute, and Grant, That our aforesaid Castle of *Bristol*, and the Walls, Banks, and Ditches of the same, now within our County of *Gloucester* situate and being, and all Houses, Edifices, Courts, Orchards, Gardens, Waters, Water-Courses, Lands and Soils, within the Circuits, Liberties, Limits, or Precincts of the same Castle, or Part thereof being, from henceforth, and for ever may and shall be, as well by Water as by Land, wholly exempt *The Castle* and separeted from our said County of *Gloucester*, *from the County of Gloucester.* of Sheriffs, Escheators, Coroners, Justices, and other Officers and Ministers of us, our Heirs, and Successors, whatsoever, of the said County of *Gloucester*, for ever. And that the said Castle of *Bristol*, and all other Things aforesaid, within the Limits, Circuits, or Precincts of the same, or Part thereof being, for the future, for ever may and shall be, taken and accepted as Member, Part, and Parcel of the aforesaid City *Made Part of the City of Bristol.* of *Bristol*, and County of the same City, and within the County of the City of *Bristol*, and within the Jurisdiction, Power, and Authority of the *And the Mayor and Sheriff.* Mayor, Sheriffs, Coroners, Escheators, Justices, and other

other Officers and Ministers of us, our Heirs and Successors, of the said City and County of the same, and Part thereof, for ever; and our aforesaid Castle of *Bristol*, and all Houses, Edifices, Courts, Orchards, Gardens, Waters, Water-Courses, Ditches, Banks, Lands, Ground, and Soil, within the Circuits, Liberties, Limits, or Precincts of the same Castle, or Part thereof being, from the said County of *Gloucester*, and from all Jurisdiction, Power, and Authority of the Sheriffs, Escheators, Coroners, Justices, and other Officers whatsoever of the said County of *Gloucester*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, we do wholly separate, for ever, by these Presents; and our said Castle of *Bristol*, and other Things whatsoever, aforementioned, within the Limits, Circuits, or Precincts of the same, or Part thereof being, to the said City of *Bristol*, and Commonalty of the

Under the Authority of the Mayor, Justices, &c. same City, and the Jurisdiction, Power, and Authority of the Mayor, Sheriffs, Coroners, Escheators, Justices, and other Officers and Ministers of the said City, and County of the same, for us, our Heirs and Successors, we do unite and annex, for ever, by these Presents. *And moreover*, of especial ample Grace, and of our certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, we Will, and by these Presents,

Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant to the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Bristol*, and their Successors, That the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Aldermen, Sheriffs, Escheators, Coroners, Justices of the Peace, and for other Felonies, Trespasses, and Misdemeanors, in the aforesaid City of *Bristol*, and County of the same City, assigned, and to be assigned, and all other Officers and Ministers within the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and County of the same, made, and to be made; and all *Burgeesses* and Citizens of the same City, for the future, for ever, may have, hold, use, and enjoy, and exercise, within the aforesaid Castle of *Bristol*, Liberties, and Precincts of the same, and every Part thereof, such and the like Rights, Jurisdictions, and Authorities, Powers, Liberties, Franchises, and Immunities, Privileges, Freedoms, Rule, leading of Men, Power to hold Pleas, and take Acknowledgment of Pleas, Views of *Frankpledge*, and all other Things which to the View of *Frankpledge* do appertain, and the Chastisement of Offenders whatsoever, which, and in the same Manner, as they, or any of them now have, hold, use, enjoy, and exercise, or may, or can have, hold, use, *The Justices
and Officers
have like
Power there
as in the City*

enjoy, or exercise, within the said City, and County of the same, or any of them, by Reason or Pretence of any Gift, Grant, Charter, or Confirmation, or of any other Letters Patents, by us, or by any of our Progenitors or Ancestors, Kings or Queens of *England*, before this Time Made, Granted, or Confirmed; or by any other lawful Means, Right, Title, Use, Prescription, or

No Officer of Gloucester there to intermeddle. Custom, whatsoever; so that no Sheriff, Escheator, Coroner, Justice, or other Officers or Ministers of us, our Heirs, or Successors, of the aforesaid County of *Gloucester*, the said Castle, Liberties, or Precincts of the same, any Thing which

to his Office there to be done, doth, or ought to belong, may enter, or presume to enter, by

All the Inhabitants of the Castle made Freemen of Bristol. any Means; and that the Men and Inhabitants within the Castle and Precincts aforesaid, for the Time being, and the Dwellers there, all and singular the Liberties, Franchises, Privileges, Immunities, and Freedoms, by the Citizens or *Burgesses* of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, as well

within the City aforesaid, as any where else without the same City, have had and enjoyed, may have and enjoy, for ever; and as Citizens and Men of the same City (as other Citizens and Men of that City) as well within as without that City,

may

may be had, held, and reputed, in all Things :
And that the said Mayor and Commonalty, and
the Mayors, Sheriffs, Escheators, Justices, Coro-
ners, and other Officers and Ministers of the a-
foresaid County of the City, or of the County
of the City of *Bristol*, from Time to Time, may
answer alike, and attend, in all Things, as the
Citizens, *Burgesses*, and Men of the same City
of *Bristol*, are, or ought, to answer or attend,
altho' the Castle of *Bristol* aforesaid, and other
the Premises, so as aforesaid united to the afore-
said City, and County of the same City, of *Bri-*
stol are, or any Part thereof, is, Demesne, or Parcel
of the Possession of our Crown ; and altho' the
Men there dwelling and inhabiting are our Te-
nants, or dwelling within our Castle, or Fee, so
that there be express Mention of the true year-
ly Value, or of any other Value or Certainty
of the Premises, or any of them, or of any o-
ther Gifts or Grants, by us, or our Progenitors
or Predecessors, to the aforesaid Mayor or Com-
monalty of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, before
this Time made, or any Statute, Act, Ordinance,
Provision, Proclamation, or Restriction to the con-
trary thereof, before this Time had, made, pub-
lished, ordained, or provided, or any other Thing,

Though Par-
cel of the
Crown Land.

The Mayor
and Officers
to answer
alike for the
Castle.

Dated at
Westminster.
13 April,
5th Car. I.

A Grant of
the Castle in
consideration
of 959 l.

Cause, or Matter, whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding. *In Witness* whereof, these our Letters we have made Patents. *Witness* My self at *Westminster*, the 13th of *April*, in the 5th Year of our Reign. *We have also seen* certain other Letters Patents of our said most dear Father, made in these Words; CHARLES, *by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.* To all to whom these present Letters shall come Greeting. *Know ye*, That we, as well for and in Consideration of the Sum of *Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine Pounds* of lawful Money of *England*, by our beloved the Mayor, *Burgeesses*, and Commonalty of the City of *Bristol*, at the Receipt of our Exchequer at *Westminster*, to our Use, in Hand well and faithfully paid, (whereof we do confess that we are fully satisfied and paid) and the same Mayor, *Burgeesses*, and Commonalty, and their Successors, thereof, and of every Part thereof, to be acquitted and discharged for ever, by these Presents. As for divers other good Causes and Considerations, Us at present specially moving, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Moti-*on*, we have Given and Granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Give and

and Grant, to the aforesaid Mayor, *Burgesses*, and Commonalty of the City of *Bristol*, and their Successors, all that our Castle of *Bristol*, in the County of our City of *Bristol*, and in our County of *Gloucester*, or in either of them, with all their Rights, Members, and Appurtenances whatsoever; and also all that our Mansion House within the Castle of *Bristol* aforesaid, now, or late, in the Tenure or Occupation of *Francis Brewster*, Yeoman, or his Assigns; and all that close lying without the Ditch of the Castle aforesaid, called by the Name of *The King's Orchard*, containing, by Estimation, Two Acres; and all that Parcel of Land, call'd *The Inner Green*; and all that our Tenement within the Precincts, Site, Compacts, or Circuits of the Castle of *Bristol* aforesaid, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *John Brewer*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *John Griffith*, within the Precincts of the Castle aforesaid; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Thomas Usher*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *John*

The Castle.
The Mansion House, and the Houses and Gardens, &c. in several Possessions.

John Richards, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Thomas Gresham*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Pitman*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *John Fisher*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Edward Duddleton*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Richard Hooper*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *John Peters*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Thomas Chilton*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *John Webb*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *J. Jenkins*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late

late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Margery Bracey*, or her Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Christopher Roberts*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Henry Morgan*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Wood*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Hollister*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenance, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Thomas Lucas*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *John Clark*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Richard Benfield*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Boyce*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Pitman*, or his Assigns;

Affigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Morris*, or his Affigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Robert Thomas*, or his Affigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Hugh Smart*, or his Affigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Bassell*, or his Affigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *John Hannies*, or his Affigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Robert Hand*, or his Affigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *John Tinkham*, or his Affigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Johns*, or his Affigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Thomas Lamberd*, or his Affigns; and

and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Walters*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of the aforesaid *Francis Brewster*, or his Assigns; and all that our Wood-Yard there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Edward Weeks*, or his Assigns; and all that our Garden there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Hart*, or his Assigns; and all that our Garden there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Alexander Rosewell*, or his Assigns; and all that our Garden there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Thomas James*, or his Assigns, and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Josiah Smith*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *James Jones*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Robert Phillips*, or his Assigns; and

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all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *John Lewis*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Margaret Jones*, or her Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Samuel Adams*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Joy*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Billingsley*, or his Assigns; and all that our Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Stephen Jones*, or his Assigns; and also
And all and singular Houses, Lands, &c. all and singular Houses, Buildings, Structures, Barns, Stables, Dove-Houses, Orchards, Gardens, Lands, Tenements, Cottages, Halls, Chambers, Shops, Cellars, Sollars, Entries, Outgoings, Ways, Paths, void Places, Easements, Fruits, Waters, Water-Courses, Wharfs, Profits, Commodities, Advantages, Emoluments, and Hereditaments, whatsoever, to the aforesaid Premises, or any Part or Parcel thereof, belonging, or appertaining, or appendant,

pendant, or as Part, Parcel, or Member of them, or any of them, heretofore used, occupied, reputed, or enjoyed; and the Walls, Towers, Ditches, Banks, and the Ditches including or encompassing the Castle aforesaid, which said Castle, by these *The Castle and Premises first granted to Francis Brewster, 2d Car. I. for Years determinable on the Lives of* Presents, before granted, by our Letters Patents, bearing Date at *Westminster*, the 23d of *August*, in the 2d Year of our Reign, to the aforesaid *Francis Brewster*, his Executors and Assigns, from the Feast of St. *Michael* the Arch-Angel, then next coming, after the Date of the same our Letters Patents, unto the End, and by the Term of *Four-Score Years*, then next coming, and fully to be ended, if *John Brewster, Gillian Brewster, and John, Gillian, and Nat. Brewster.* *Nathaniel Brewster*, or any of them, so long *Rent 100l.* should live, at, or under the yearly Rent of *One Hundred Pounds*, are mentioned to have been demised. We have also Given and Granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, for the Consideration aforesaid, do Give and Grant, to the aforesaid Mayor *Burgesses*, and Commonalty of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and their Successors, our Reversion, and Reversions, Remainder, and Remainders, whatsoever, of the aforesaid Castle Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments; and all and singular other the Premises above, *The Reversions on granted*

*Upon De-
mises,*

*And all rents
reserved.*

*The Mayor
and Commo-
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by these Presents, before Granted, or mentioned to be Granted; and every Parcel thereof Depenor Expectant, of, in, or, upon, any Demise or Grant, Demises or Grants, for Term or Terms of Life, Lives, or Years, or otherwise of the Premises, by these Presents before Granted, or mentioned to be Granted; or of any Parcel of them in any Manner made, being of Record, or not of Record; and also all and singular Rents, and yearly Profits, whatsoever, reserved upon any Demise or Grant of the Premises, by these Presents before Granted, or mentioned to be Granted; or of any Parcel thereof made, being of Record, or not of Record, and the Rents, and yearly Profits, of all and singular the same Premises, and every Parcel thereof. *Moreover*, we have Given and Granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Give and Grant, to the aforesaid Mayor, *Burgesses*, and Commonalty, of the City aforesaid, and their Successors, That they, and their Successors, for the future, for ever, may have, hold, and enjoy, and ought to have, hold, and enjoy, within the said Castle Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments; and all and singular the Premises above, by these Presents, before Granted, or mentioned to be Granted, or within

within any Part thereof, the whole, as many, such, the same, and the like Rights, Jurisdiction, Liberties, Franchises, Customs, Privileges, Profits, Commodities, Advantages, Emoluments, and Hereditaments, whatsoever, as many, as great, and large, freely and wholly, and in such ample Manner and Form, as any other Person or Persons, the said Castle Lands, Tenements, and other the Premises above, by these Presents, before Granted, or mentioned to be Granted, or any Parcel thereof, ever heretofore having possessed, or being possessed thereof, have ever had, used, held, or enjoyed, or ought to have, hold, use, or enjoy, in the Premises above, by these Presents, aforesaid Granted, or in any Part thereof, by Reason or Pretence of any Charter, Grant, Concession, or by Reason of Confirmation, by us, or any of our Progenitors; or Ancestors, late Kings or Queens of *England*, before this Time had, made, granted, or confirmed; or by Reason or Pretence of any Act or Acts of Parliaments, or by Reason or Pretence of any lawful Prescription, Use, or Custom, before this Time had or used, or otherwise by any lawful Means, Right or Title; and also full and free, and in such ample Manner and Form, as we, or any of our Progenitors or Ancestors, late Kings

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or Queens of *England*, the same Castle Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and other the Premises above, by these Presents, before Granted, or mentioned to be Granted, or any Part thereof have had and enjoyed, or ought to have and enjoy, or as they have had and enjoyed, or may, or ought to have or enjoy. Moreover, we do give, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, grant to the aforesaid Mayor, *Burgesses*, and Commonalty of the City aforesaid, and their Successors, the aforesaid Castle Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and other the Premises above, by these Presents, before Granted, or mentioned to be Granted, and every Parcel thereof, with all their Appurtenances, together with all, and all Manner of Banks, Ditches, Walls, and other Structures within the Precincts of the Castle aforesaid, or including the Castle, as fully, freely, and wholly, and in as ample Manner and Form, as all and singular the said Premises, or any Parcel thereof, to our Hands, or to the Hands of any of our Progenitors or Ancestors, late Kings or Queens of *England*, or to the Hands of them, or any of them, by Reason or Pretence of any Act or Acts of Parliament, or by Reason of any Exchange or Perquisition, or any Gift or Grant,

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or of any Attaint or Forfeiture, or by Reason of Escheat, or any other lawful Means, Right or Title, have come, or ought to come, or in our Hands now are, or ought to be, excepting notwithstanding, and always out of this our present Grant reserved, all and singular Advowsons of Churches, Hospitals, and Chappels, and other Ecclesiastical Benefits, and all Knights Fees belonging to the Premises, and all Mines of Lead and Tin, and all and singular other Mines-royal whatsoever, of the Premises, and all Prerogatives to the same Mines belonging or appertaining, to have, hold, and enjoy the aforesaid Castle Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Profits, Privileges, and Hereditaments, and all and singular other the Premises before, by these Presents Granted, or mentioned to be Granted, with all their Rights, Members, Liberties, and Appurtenances, (except before excepted) to the said Mayor, *Burgesses*, and Commonalty of the City aforesaid, and their Successors, to the only proper Use and Behoof of the said Mayor, *Burgesses*, and Commonalty, and their Successors, for ever, to hold of us, our Heirs and Successors, as of our Manour, of *East Greenwich*, in our County of *Kent*, by Fealty only, in free and common Soccage, and not in *Capite*, *For ever in Soccage, as the Manour of East Greenwich.*

Capite,

Fee Farm
Rent, 40.
at the Ex-
chequer.

If Rent be in
Arrear 40
Days,

The Receiver
General or
his Deputy to
distain.

Capite, nor by Knights Service; *And yielding* therefore yearly, to us, our Heirs and Successors, of Fee-Farm, *Forty Pounds* of Lawful Money of *England*, at the Receipt of the Exchequer at *Westminster*, of us, our Heirs and Successors, or to the Hands of the Receivers, or Bailiffs of the Premises, for the Time being, at the Feasts of *St. Michael* the Arch-Angel, and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, by equal Portions, yearly, to be paid, for ever, for all other Rents, Services, Exactions, and Demands whatsoever, for the same, to us, our Heirs and Successors, any way to be rendred, paid, or made: And if, and as often as it shall happen, the aforesaid Annual Rent above, by these Presents reserved, be behind unpaid, in Part or in all, by the space of Forty Days, next after any of the Feasts aforesaid, whereon the same ought to be Paid, as aforesaid, That from thence, from Time to Time, it may and shall be lawful for us, our Heirs and Successors, by the Receiver General of us, our Heirs and Successors, for the Time being, or his Deputy, or any other the Officers and Ministers of us, our Heirs and Successors, or any of them, into the aforesaid Premises, or any Part or Parcel thereof, to enter and Distain, and the Distresses,

Distresses there found, or to be found, to take and detain, until we, our Heirs and Successors, the aforesaid Rent, together with the Arreages thereof, if any shall be, shall be fully satisfied and paid: And if, as often as it shall happen, the aforesaid Annual Rent above, by these Presents reserved, be behind or unpaid, in all, or in Part, by the Space of One Month after the End of the aforesaid Forty Days, for Payment thereof limited as aforesaid, that then, and so often, the aforesaid Mayor, *Burgeesses*, and Commonalty, and their Successors, shall forfeit and pay unto us, our Heirs and Successors, *Six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence*, of law-ful Money of *England*, *Nomine Pœnæ*, besides the aforesaid Annual Rent above, by these Presents reserved, for every Month then next following, in which the aforesaid Annual Rent, or any Part thereof, shall be in Arrear, and unpaid, in Manner and Form aforesaid; and that then, and from thenceforth, from Time to Time, as often as the Case shall so happen, it shall and may be lawful for us, our Heirs and Successors, by the Officers of us, our Heirs, or Successors, or any of them, for the Time being, into the Premises aforesaid, or any Part thereof, to enter, and distrain; and the Distresses there found, or to be found, to take and retain,

if not in one Month after the 40 Days.
Forfeiture of 6l. 13s. 4d. Nom. Pœnæ for every Month.
To distrain for forfeitures.

retain, until we, our Heirs and Successors, of the aforesaid Rent, together with the Arrearages thereof, and all Forfeitures and Sums of Money, *Nom. Pœnae*, to be forfeited, as aforesaid, be fully satisfied and paid, any thing in these Presents to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. *And moreover*, we Will, and for the Consideration aforesaid, of our more abundant especial Grace, and certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant to the aforesaid Mayor, *Burgesses*, and Commonalty of the City aforesaid, and their Successors, That we, our Heirs and Successors, for the future, for ever, yearly, and from Time to Time, will discharge, acquit, and keep

A Grant of indemnity against all Rents, Services, &c. indemnified, as well the aforesaid Mayor, *Burgesses*, and Commonalty of the City aforesaid, and their Successors, as the aforesaid Castle Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, above, by these Presents before granted, with all their Appurtenances, against us, our Heirs and Successors, of and from all Manner of Corrodies, Rents, Fees, Services, Annuities, Pensions, Portions, Sums of Money, and Charges whatsoever, concerning the Premises, by these Presents before granted, or concerning any Parcel thereof, to us, our Heirs, or Successors, issuing, or to be paid, or thereupon towards us, our Heirs,

Heirs, or Successors, charged, or to be charged; besides the Rents, Services, and Tenures above, for the Premises, in these Presents reserved, and the aforesaid Forfeitures, *Nom. Pœnae*, and besides the Arrearages of the Rents of all and singular the Premises, if any be to us due, or to be paid: *Wherefore we Will*, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, firmly enjoyning, do charge and command, as well the Treasurer, Chancellor, and Barons of the Exchequer, of us, our Heirs and Successors, as all and singular Auditors, Receivers, and other Officers and Ministers of us, our Heirs and Successors, whatsoever, for the Time being, That they, and every of them, upon the single shewing of these our Letters Patents, or the Enrol-
That upon producing this Charter it be allowed in the Exchequer.ment of the same, without any other Writ or Warrant from us, our Heirs, or Successors, any way to be obtained or prosecuted, full, whole, and due Allowance, and manifest Discharge, of and from all and singular such Corrodies, Rents, Services, Fees, Annuities, Pensions, Portions, Sums of Money, and Charges whatsoever, concerning the Premises, so as aforesaid to us, our Heirs and Successors, issuing, or to be paid, besides the said Rents, Services, Tenures, Forfeitures, and other the Premises in these Presents reserved, and by the

The Enrolment of this Charter in the Exchequer.

aforesaid Mayor, *Burgeffes*, and Commonalty, and their Successors, so as aforesaid to be paid, the aforesaid Mayor, *Burgeffes*, and Commonalty, and their Successors, shall make, from Time to Time, and cause to be made: And these our Letters Patents, or the Enrolment of the same, shall be to the said Treasurer, Chancellor, and Barons of our Exchequer, aforesaid, and of our Heirs and Successors, and to the aforesaid Auditors, Receivers, and other the Officers and Ministers of us, our Heirs and Successors, for the Time being, a sufficient Warrant and Discharge in this Behalf. *And Moreover*, we Will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant to the aforesaid Mayor, *Burgeffes*, and Commonalty of the City aforesaid, and their Successors, That these our Letters Patents, or the Enrolment of the same, shall be, in all Things, and by all Things, firm, valid, good, sufficient, and effectual, in the Law, towards, and against us, our Heirs and Successors, as well in all our Courts, as elsewhere in our Kingdom of *England*, without any Confirmations, Licences, or Toleration, of us, our Heirs, or Successors, any way, for the future, to be procured or obtained, notwithstanding the ill naming, or not naming, the ill reciting, or not reciting, of the aforesaid Castle, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and other the Premises above,

This Charter, or the Enrolment to be good in all Courts.

Without Confirmation.

Notwithstanding the ill naming, or not naming,

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by these Presents before granted, or mentioned to be granted, or any Part or Parcel thereof; and notwithstanding the ill finding, or not finding the Office or Offices, Inquisition or Inquisitions, of the Premises, or any Part thereof, by which they ought to have found our Title before the making of these our Letters Patents; and notwithstanding any Defect or Defects in not reciting, or ill reciting, or mentioning any Demise or Grant, Demises or Grants, Gift or Gifts, of or concerning the Premises, or the Custody thereof, or of, or concerning any other Part or Parcel of Record, or not of Record, before this Time made; and notwithstanding the ill naming, or not naming, any County, Town, Hamlet, Place, or Parish, in which the Premises, or any Part thereof are; and notwithstanding any Defect or Defects, in ill naming, or not naming any Tenant, Farmer, or Occupier of the Premises, or any Parcel thereof; and notwithstanding any Disagreement, Variation, or Difference, in any Thing, Matter, Name, or Form, in these our Letters Patents, and any Particular, or Survey, concerning the Premises, or any Parcel thereof, heretofore made, or between these our Letters Patents, and any other Letters Patents concerning the Premises, or concerning any Part thereof, heretofore made, or any Record or Records, Account or Accounts, the Premises aforesaid,

*or any other
Defect in
Recitals,*
*or ill naming
any County,*
*or Tenants
Names.*
*or Difference
in Matter.*

or any Parcel thereof any way touching or concerning; and notwithstanding any Defect or Defects,
or ill reciting
the Value,
or Rent re-
served.

in not mentioning rightly, or illy mentioning the true yearly Value of the Premises, or any Part thereof, or the true yearly Rent reserved, of, in, or upon the Premises, or Parcel thereof, specified in any Particular, Survey, Account, or Demise, heretofore made of the Premises, or any of them; and notwithstanding that the Premises, or any Profits thereof, or to the same, or them, or any of them appertaining, were ever of better or greater yearly Value, than in these Presents, or in any Particular of the Premises specified; and notwithstanding the Statute in Parliament of our Lord, **H E N R Y** the Sixth, late King of *England*, our Ancestor, in the 18th Year of his Reign, made and published; and notwithstanding the Statute of our Lord **H E N R Y** the Fourth, late King of *England*, in the First Year of his Reign, made and published; and notwithstanding any other Defects, in not right naming, or not naming, the Nature, Genius, Species, Quantity, or Quality, Metes, or Bounds of the Premises, or any Parcel thereof, or who heretofore was or were seised of the Premises, or any of them; and notwithstanding the Statute of not disposing of Lands and Tenements

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Statute of
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in *Mortmain*, made and provided. *And moreover, Stat. Mort-*
we Will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs,
and Successors, we do Enact and Ordain, That if
the said Mayor, *Burgeffes*, and Commonalty, of
the City aforesaid, shall not enrol or cause to be *The Charter*
enrolled, these our Letters Patents before our *Au-*
ditor of the County aforesaid, or before our Clerk
of the Pipe, for the Time being, within the Space
of Six Months, next coming after the Date of these
Presents, That then the same Mayor, *Burgeffes*,
and Commonalty, and their Successors, shall forfeit
and pay to us, our Heirs, and Successors, *Ten*
Pounds, of lawful Money of *England*, *Nom. Pœnæ*, *or forfeit 10l.*
and so *Ten Pounds* for every Six Months in which
these our Letters Patents shall remain not enrolled,
to be levied and received of them in Manner and
Form as the aforesaid Forfeitures, *Nom. Pœnæ*, a-
bove in these Presents mentioned, are limited to *are*.
be levied and receiv'd. *We Will* also, and by
these Presents, do Grant, to the aforesaid Mayor,
Burgeffes, and Commonalty, of the City aforesaid,
That they may, and shall have these our Letters
Patents with our Great Seal of *England*, in due
Manner made and sealed, without great or little *No Fine to be*
Fine, or Fee, to us in our Hanniper, or else- *paid for the*
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fred, paid, or made; so that express Mention of the true yearly Value or Certainty of the Premises, or of any of them, or of any other Gifts, or Grants, by us, or any of our Progenitors or Ancestors, to the aforesaid Mayor, *Burgesses*, and Commonalty, of the City aforesaid, before this Time made, in these Presents be not made, or any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provision, Proclamation, or Restriction, to the contrary thereof, before this Time had, made, published, ordained, or provided, or any other Thing, Cause, or Matter, whatsoever, any way notwithstanding. *In Witness* whereof, these our Letters we have made Patents. *Witness*

Dated at Westminster, the 26th of October,
26 October, in the Sixth Year of our Reign. *But We* the
6 Car. I.

several Charters and Letters Patents aforesaid, and all and singular Things in the same contained and specified, allowing and accepting the same, for us, our Heirs and Successors, as much as in us lieth, do accept and approve, and the same to the now Mayor, *Burgesses*, and Commonalty, of the City of Bristol, and their Successors, do Ratify and Confirm, as the several Charters and Letters Patents aforesaid, in Themselves do reasonably testify. *And*

Confirmation by Car. II. *Moreover*, we Will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do ordain, and firmly

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The Addition to the Charter.

enjoyning, do Command, That the Mayor, *Burgesses*, Aldermen, Recorder, and Town-Clerk, and all other Officers and Ministers of our City of *Bristol*, aforesaid, and their Deputies; and also, all Justices of the Peace of us, our Heirs and Successors, within the City aforesaid, by Virtue, or according to the Tenor of the same Letters Patents, or any other Letters Patents, for the future, to be named, elected, or constituted, before they, or any of them, to the Execution, or Exercise of their Office or Offices, Place or Places, to which so respectively, for the future, in Form aforesaid, they shall be elected, named and constituted, may be admitted, or any way in that Behalf shall intermeddle, till they, and every of them, have taken, as well their Corporal Oath, commonly call'd *The Oath of Obedience*, as the *Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy*, Corporal Oath, commonly call'd, *The Oath of Supremacy*, upon the Holy Evangelist of God, before such Person or Persons, who to administer the same Oaths by the Law and Statutes of this Kingdom of *England*, are, or hereafter shall be, appointed and designed. *In Witness* whereof, &c. *Witness* My self at *Westminster* the 22d Day of *April*, in the 16th Year of our Reign.

Dated at
Westminster,
22 April,
16 Car. II.

By Writ of the Private Seal. Cc

A Writ of Quo Warranto being brought against the Old Charter by Sir Robert Sawyer, Attorney General, in Hill. Term in the 34th and 35th Year of King CHARLES II. the following Resignation of the Governing Part of the Charter was made as follows:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

 E, the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of your Majesty's City of *Bristol*, reflecting upon our selves, That for several Years last past, we have negotiated all the principal Affairs of this City, made all the *Elections of our Mayor*, Recorder, Town-Clerk, Sheriffs, Common-Council-Men, and all other Officers whatsoever, amongst us, by a *Supernumerary Common-Council*, *contrary to the Institution of this City*, by your Majesty's Royal Progenitors, in our Charters, and *contrary to the Usage and Custom* ever since that Time, till of late Years; and that we may have been faulty in that Particular, which might justly offend your Sacred Majesty; and for that there

there are some Defects in the Model of the Government among us, which renders it not so useful to your Sacred Majesty, or to Our selves as we could wish, we do therefore (with all Humility) beseech your Majesty to accept, and we have Granted, Surrendred, and Yielded up; and we do hereby, Grant, Surrender, and yield up, unto your most Gracious Majesty, your Heirs and Successors, all and singular the Powers, Franchises, Liberties, Privileges, and Authorities whatsoever, and howsoever, heretofore granted to, or used, or exercised by the said Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, in, for, or concerning the Electing, Nominating, Constituting, Being, or Appointing, of any Person or Persons, into, or for the several respective Offices, Authorities, Places, Employments, and Trusts, of the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Recorder, Town-Clerk, Steward of the Sheriffs Court, and Coroners of the said City, and every, or any one of them; or into, or for the Exercise or Execution of them, or any of them; with the Offices and Authorities, Place and Places of Justices of the Peace, and Common-Council-Men, within the City of *Bristol*, and County of the same City; and all the Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand, whatsoever, of us, the said

Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the said City of *Bristol*, of Electing, Nominating, Constituting, and Appointing the said Officers and Members, and every, or any of them, by Force and Virtue of any Letters Patents, Charters, Prescriptions, Custom, or other Ways or Means whatsoever: And we, the said Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, do hereby humbly beseech your Majesty to accept of this our Surrender, and do (with all Submission to your Majesty's good Pleasure) implore your Grace and Favour, to Confirm our Charter, as to all other Privileges, and to Re-grant unto the Citizens of this your Ancient City of *Bristol*, the said Liberties and Franchises, or so many of them, and in such Manner, as your Majesty (in your great Wisdom) shall judge most conducting for the better Government of your City of *Bristol*. *In Witness* whereof, we the said Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the City of *Bristol*, have hereunto set our Common Seal, this 9th Day of November, in the 35th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, King CHARLES the Second, by the Grace of God, of *England*, &c. *Annoq;* *Dom.* 1683.

CHARLES

Charles II.

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By the Grace of GOD, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

*To all to whom these present Letters shall come,
Greeting.*

Know ye,

 **H**AT We the bettering of our City of *Bristol*, and County of the same City, graciously desiring and willing, That for ever hereafter, in the same City, and County thereof, there may continually be had *one sure and undoubted* Manner for the keeping our Peace, and Method for keeping the Peace. for the good Rule and Government of our People there; and that the City aforesaid, forever hereafter, may be, remain, and continue, a City of Peace and Quiet, for the Reward of the Good, and Terror of the Bad; and that our Peace, and other Acts of Justice, there, without any further Delay, may be kept; and hoping that the Citizens of the same City, and their Successors, by our Grant, may have and enjoy greater Liberties, Profits and Privileges; and that then they would think themselves more especially and strongly oblig'd to the Service of us, our Heirs and Successors,

cessors, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion; and at the humble Petition of the late Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty, of the City aforesaid, we have Willed, Constituted, Declared, Ordained, and Granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Will, Constitute, Declare, Ordain, and Grant, That the aforesaid City of *Bristol*, from hence-

To remain a City incorporate, and County of itself. forth, may be and remain, for ever, a City Incorporate, and County of itself, such and in as ample and large Bounds, Circuits, and Precincts, bounded and limited, as the same City and County at any Time within the Space of Twenty Years

now last past, was bounded and limited; and that the Citizens and Inhabitants of the said City, and their Successors, from henceforth, for ever, be, and shall be, *One Body Corporate, and Politick, in Deed, Fact, and Name, by the Name of Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty, of the City of Bristol aforesaid, One Body Corporate and Politick in Deed, Fact, and Name, really, and to the full, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Erect, Create, Make, Ordain, Constitute, and Declare, by these Presents; and that they by the Name of Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty, of the City of Bristol aforesaid, are, and shall be, for*

for ever hereafter, Persons able, and in Law capable to have, receive, and possess Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Privileges, Jurisdictions, Franchises, and Hereditaments, of what Kind or Sort soever they are, or may be, to them and their Successors, in Fee, and in Perpetuity ; and also, Goods, Credits, and Chattles, and whatsoever other Things of what Nature, Kind, or Sort soever they be ; and also, to Give, Grant, Let, and Set, Mannours, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Goods, Debts, Credits, and Chattles, and all other Acts and Things, to be done and executed by the Name of the Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty, of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid ; and that by the same Name they may and can plead, and be impleaded, answer, and be answered, defend, and be defended, in all Courts and Places, and before whatsoever Justices and Judges, and other Persons, Officers of us, our Heirs and Successors, in all, and all Manner of Actions, Suits, Plaints, Causes, Matters, and Demands whatsoever, of what Kind, Nature, and Sort soever they are, in Manner and Form, as other our Liege People of this our Kingdom of *England*, Persons able, and in Law capable to plead, and be impleaded, answer, and be answered, defend, or be defended, may or can ; and

Powers
granted to
the Mayor,
Burgeesses, &c.

and that the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the City aforesaid, and their Successors, may, *Common Seal.* for ever, have a Common Seal to serve for all Causes and Businesses whatsoever, to be executed and done; and that it shall and may be lawful for them, the said Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the City aforesaid, and their Successors, *Power to break, change &c. the same.* that Seal, at their Pleasure, from Time to Time, to break, change, and also to make a new from Time to Time, as to them shall seem good to be done: And farther we Will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Ordain, That for ever hereafter, there be, and *One Mayor.* shall be, within the City aforesaid, One Mayor, of the Citizens of the City aforesaid, in Form hereunder specified and expressed: And for the better Execution of this our Will in this Part, we have assigned, named, constituted, and made, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do assign, nominate, constitute and make, our well-beloved Sir *William Clutterbuck*, Knight, to be our First and Present Mayor of the City aforesaid, willing that the said Sir *William Clutterbuck*, in the Office of Mayor of the same City, shall be and continue, until the 15th Day of *September* next following, and from that Time, until

until one other into that Office shall be made and sworn, according to the Ordinances and Provisions in these our Letters Patents hereunder expressed and declared, if the said Sir *William Clutterbuck* shall so long live; and that as well the said Sir *William Clutterbuck*, as every succeeding Mayor of the same City, may and shall have such and the same Power and Authority, Perquisites and Profits, in and by all Things, to the said Office in any Manner whatsoever belonging or appertaining, as any other preceding Mayor heretofore had or enjoyed, or ought to enjoy, he the aforesaid Sir *William Clutterbuck*, and every other succeeding Mayor of the same City, at the Time of his respective Admission into the Office of Mayoralty of the same City, taking the Corporal Oath of Allegiance, and the Oaths, by *Mayor to take* a certain Act of Parliament, entitled, *An Act* ^{*bis Corporal*} *Oath of Allegiance, &c.* for Regulating Corporations, appointed; and also, all other Oaths usually administred to the Mayor of the same City, within the Space of Twenty Years, now last past, at the Time of his Admission into the Office of Mayoralty of the same City, which said Oaths, to all Mayors the aforesaid Sir *William Clutterbuck* succeeding, by the last, and immediately preceding Mayor of the same

City, for the Time being, if then he shall be a-
live and abiding in the same City, or in his Ab-
sence, by the Recorder of the same City, for the
Time being, and in his Absence, by the Senior
Alderman, who then within the same City shall
be inhabiting and residing, we Will to be ad-
ministred, *openly* and *publickly*, and with the Solem-
nity in these Cases accustomed, in the *Guildhall*
of the same City, if conveniently it may be done,
and if not, then in such other convenient Place
within the Liberties of the same City, as to
such Person, who by these Presents of Right
such Oaths to administer, are designed and ap-
pointed, shall seem best to be done; to which
said Persons so qualified as aforesaid, such Oaths
to all succeeding Mayors, respectively, to give and
administer, full Power and Authority, we Give
and Grant, by these Presents. *And further*, we
Will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and
Successors, do Ordain, That forever hereafter, there
be, and shall be, in the City aforesaid, and County
Two Sheriffs. of the same City, Two Sheriffs, who, so great, the
Their Power. like, and the same Power and Authority, Pri-
lege, Profit, and Jurisdiction, may have, in, and to
all Things, as other Sheriffs of the said City
heretofore, at any Time, had and enjoyed, or
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ought, or could have or enjoy. And for the better Execution of this our Will in this Part, we have assigned, named, constituted, and made, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do assign, name, constitute, and make, our well-beloved *Nathaniel Driver*, and *Edmund Arundel*, Esqrs. to be our first and present Sheriffs of the City, and County of the same City, to continue in the Office aforesaid, until the said 15th Day of *September*, next following the Date of these Presents. And we Will, That all the Succeeding Sheriffs of the City and County of the same City, hereafter to be chosen, the Oath of Allegiance, and the Oaths by the aforesaid Act of Parliament, entitled, *An Act for Regulating Corporations*, appointed; and also, all other Oaths usually administred to Sheriffs of the same City, within the Space of Twenty Years, now last past, at the Time of their Admission into the Office of Sheriffs of the County of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, shall take and perform, before the Mayor of the same City, for the Time being; to which said Mayor of the same City, for the Time being, the Oaths aforesaid, to all other succeeding Sheriffs of the City aforesaid, for ever hereafter, to give and administer, full Power and Authority,

First Sheriffs
Names.
Sheriffs to
take their
Corporal
Oath of Alle-
giance, &c.

thority, for us, our Heirs and Successors, we Give and Grant by these Presents. *Moreover* we Will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Give and Grant, to the aforesaid Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the City aforesaid, and to their Successors, for ever hereafter, That there be, and shall be, in the City aforesaid, so many, and such of the better and more discreet Burgesses and Inhabitants of the City aforesaid, who, with the Mayor and Aldermen of the same City, may not exceed the Number of *Forty and Three*, and with them shall be, and shall be called and named a Common-Council of the said City, in all Things, Matters, Causes, and Businesses, the City aforesaid, the Liberties, Precincts, and Suburbs of the same City, and the good Rule, State, and Government thereof, touching or concerning, from Time to Time, and at all Times, to be aiding and assisting to the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, in all Causes and Matters, touching and concerning the same City, to execute: And we have assigned, named, constituted, and made, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do assign, nominate, constitute, and make, our well-beloved Sir *John Churchill*, Kt. Sir *Robert Cann*, Kt. and Bart.

Their Names.

John

John Lawford, Esq; Sir Robert Teamans, Kt. and Bart. John Hicks, Esq; William Crabb, Esq; Sir Richard Crump, Kt. Joseph Creswick, Esq; Sir Richard Hart, Kt. Thomas Easton, Esq; Sir William Clutterbuck, Kt. William Hayman, Esq; John Romsey, Esq; now Town-Clerk of the City aforesaid, and also the Town-Clerk of the said City for the Time being, Sir John Knight, Kt. Abraham Saunders, John Coombes, John Moor, William Swymmer, Richard Lane, George Hart, Nathaniel Driver, Edmund Arundel, William Merrick, George Morgan, Giles Merrick, John Sandford, James Twyford, Walter Gunter, Robert Dowding, George Morris, Anthony Swymmer, John Teamans, Edward Tocknell, John Olliffe, Robert Yate, John Whiteing, James Pope, Henry Coombes, John Bradway, Robert Smith, John Hollister, Mercer, Scarborough Chapman, and Richard Gibbons, Gentlemen, to be, and that they shall be, and be called, The Common-Council of the City aforesaid, to continue in the said Office of the Common-Council of the City aforesaid, during their Natural Lives, respectively: Yet we Will, that every Person and Persons of the Common-Council of the City aforesaid, for the future, to be elected, or constituted, at the Time of their respective

Admissions.

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Admissions into the Office of the Common-Council of the City aforesaid, shall take the Corporal Oath, call'd The *Oath of Allegiance*, and the Oaths, by the aforesaid Act of Parliament, entitled, *An Act for Regulating Corporations*, appointed; and also all other Oaths usually administred to Common-Council-Men of the same City, within the Space of Twenty Years now last past, at the Time of their Admission into the Office of the Common-Council of the said City, before the Mayor of the said City for the Time being, as in that Part was used heretofore in the City aforesaid. And we Will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do declare and ordain, That whensoever, and as often as it shall happen, any one or more of the Common-Council-Men of the City aforesaid, in these Presents mentioned and named, or hereafter to be named and elected, shall die, or from the Office of Common-Council-Men aforesaid, be removed, That then, and so often, the Common-Council of the City aforesaid, at the Meeting of the Common-Council next following, after such Death or Removal, or the Major Part of them so assembled, one or more, of the *Better* and more *Discreet Burgeesses*, and Inhabitants, of the said City, into the Place or Places of him or them,

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them, so dead or removed, into the Office of the Common-Council of the said City, shall and may elect and make, and by perpetual Succession, continue the Number of *Forty and Two*, besides the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being. *And further*, we Will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, to the aforesaid Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonality, of the said City, and their Successors, That the Common-Council, of the said City, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, (whereof the Mayor, for the Time being, we Will to be One) may, and shall have full Power and Authority of Constituting, Ordaining, Making, and Establishing, from Time to Time, Laws, Statutes, Constitutions, Decrees, and Ordinances, reasonable in Writing whatsoever, which to them, or the Major Part of them, to that Purpose congregated or assembled, (whereof the Mayor, for the Time being, we Will to be One) shall seem to be good, wholsom, profitable, necessary, and *honest*, according to their sound Discretions, for the good Rule and Government of the City aforesaid, the Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts of the same, and of all and singular the Officers, Ministers, Artificers, Inhabitants, and Residents, whatsoever, within

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nalties, &c.*

in the said City, the Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts thereof, for the Time being; and for declaring in what Manner and Order the said Common-Council, in the City aforesaid, and all and singular the Artificers, Inhabitants, and Residents, in the said City, Suburbs, and Precincts thereof, in their Offices, Functions, Mysteries, Arts, and Businesses, in the said City, Liberties, Suburbs, and Precincts thereof, shall carry and behave Themselves, for the further publick Good, common Profit, and good Rule, of the said City, the Suburbs, Liberties and Precincts thereof, and for the Victualling of the same, and all other Things and Causes whatsoever, the City aforesaid, Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts thereof, touching, or any way concerning: And that the Common-Council of the said City, or the Major Part of them, (whereof the Mayor, for the Time being, we Will to be One) as often as such Laws, Institutions, Ordinances, and Constitutions, they shall make, ordain, or establish, in Form aforesaid, such and the like Pains, Punishments, and Penalties, by Imprisonment of the Body, or by Fines and Amerciaments, or by either of them, in, and upon all Offenders, against all such Laws, Ordinances, and Statutes, or either, or any of them, such and

and the like, as to the Common-Council of the City aforesaid, for the Time being, or to the Major Part of them, (whereof the Mayor of the said City we Will to be One) shall seem to be necessary, fit, and requisite, for the Observation of the same Laws, Ordinances, and Statutes, to make, ordain, impose, limit, and provide; and the same Fines and Amerciaments, by Distress of the Goods and Chattles, by Action of Debt, or otherwise, may, and shall levy, recover, receive, and have, to the Use of the aforesaid Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the said City, and their Successors, for ever, without the Impediment of us, our Heirs or Successors, or either, or any Officers, or Ministers, of us, our Heirs or Successors; and without any Account, to us, our Heirs, or Successors, therefore to be rendred, paid, or made. All and singular which Laws, Ordinances, and Constitutions, so as aforesaid to be made, we Will to be observed, under the Penalty in the same contained; yet so, that the Laws, Ordinances, Constitutions, Institutions, Imprisonments, Fines, and Amerciaments, be reasonable, and be not repugnant, or *contrary to the Laws, Statutes, Customs, or Rights, of this our Kingdom of England.* And also, we Will, That the Common-Council of the said City, for ever of England.

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ever of England.*

ever hereafter, may and shall have, in all Causes, Matters, and Things, whatsoever, such and the like Power, Authority, and Trust, as the Common-Council of the said City, at any Time heretofore had or enjoyed. *Provided always;* and Laws, Sta-
tutes, &c.
not to be valid
above a Year. we Will, That the Laws, Statutes, Constitutions, or Ordinances, to be made as aforesaid, by the Common-Council of the said City, shall not continue or be *Valid* above the Space of *One Year*, next after the making the same, unless our Chancellor, or the Keeper of our Great Seal of *Eng-*
land, for the Time being, or the Chief Justice of either Bench at *Westminster*, or any Two of them, shall approve of such Laws, Statutes, and Constitutions, to be made by the Common-Council of the said City, for the Time being, as aforesaid, to be *legal*, and in Law *valid*, such their Approbations under their Hands and Seals, in Writing to be signified. *And Moreover*, we Will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, to the Mayor, Burges-
ses, and Commonalty, of the said City, for the Time being, That the Mayor and Common-Council aforesaid, for the Time being, for ever hereafter, in and upon the 15th Day of *September*, next after the Date of these Presents; and also, every 15th

*Day of
electing a
Mayor.*

Day

Day of *September*, yearly, may assemble in the Chapel of St. George, in the *Guildhall* of the said City, if it may be, or some other convenient Place in the said City, by the Direction of the Mayor of the said City for the Time being; and there it may and shall be lawful for the Common-Council of the said City for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, (whereof the Mayor for the Time being, we Will to be One) to elect and name, by the Majority of Voices, One out of the Common-Council of the said City, for the Time being, to be Mayor of the said City, for One Year, next following; and also, there and the same Day, to elect and name Two Burgesses of the said City, of the Common-Council of the said City, or not, to be Sheriffs of the said City, for One Year, next following; and to elect and name all other Officers or Ministers, heretofore used to be elected and named, in and upon the said 15th Day of *September*, yearly, by the Common-Council of the said City. *And we Will*, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant and Declare, That such Elections as aforesaid, made, or to be made by the Common-Council of the said City, at any Time for ever hereafter, be, and shall be, as sound and

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lect a Mayor;*

*Also two
Sheriffs;*

*And all other
Officers the
same Day.*

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effectual as any Election or Elections heretofore, by the Common-Council of the said City, made. *And further*, we Will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Command, That every Person, for ever, hereafter elected to the Office of Mayor of the said City, as aforesaid, before his Admission to the Office of Mayor of the said City, in and upon the Feast of St. *Michael* the Arch-Angel, next following his Election, to the Office of Mayor, the Corporal Oath, called, *The Oath of Allegiance*; and also, all other Oaths, by the said Act of Parliament constituted, usually administred to the Mayor of the said City, as aforesaid, in such Place, Manner, and Time, and before such Persons, publickly shall take, as in these Presents in that Part above is appointed. *And also we Will*, That the Sheriffs so elected, or to be elected, immediately after the Oaths by the Mayor taken, shall be sworn, and each of them shall be sworn in such Place and Manner, as above in that Part is appointed or declared, before the Mayor of the said City: To which Mayor of the said City, full Power and Authority of giving and administering the Oaths aforesaid, to the aforesaid Sheriffs of the said City, and to each of them, we Give and Grant,

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*Mayor to take
the Oaths.*

by these Presents, without any other Warrant or Commission, from us, our Heirs or Successors, in that Part to be procured or obtained. *And we Will*, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant to the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the said City, and to their Successors, that if it shall happen that the said Sir *William Clutterbuck*, above by these Presents named to be Mayor of the said City, shall die, *If the Mayor should die during a Year,* or from the Office be removed, during the Time of his Mayoralty ; or if it shall happen, That any Election of Mayor of the said City shall be frustrated by the Incapacity or Renunciation of him, to the Office of Mayor of the said City elected, That then, and as often as the Cause shall so happen, it shall and may be lawful for the Recorder, if present, or in his Absence, for the Senior Alderman of the said City then residing there-*The Common-
Council to be summon'd to elect another.* in, and thereof capable, forthwith to call a Common-Council, and to proceed to the Election of another Person into the Office of Mayor of the said City, in such Place and Manner, as above in these Presents more fully is expressed and declared ; and also may be sworn in such Place and Manner, and by such Person as is aforesaid ; and so as often as the Case shall so happen. *And further*

we Will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do Grant to the Mayor, Burges-
ses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and
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Death, &c.
of a Sheriff,* their Successors, That if, and as often as it
shall happen, that the Sheriff, or Sheriffs, of the
said City, for the Time being, shall die, or be re-
moved from the Office of Sheriff or Sheriffs of
the said City, or their Offices, or the Office of
either of them, shall be in any Manner vacated,
That then, and so often, it shall and may be
lawful for the Mayor of the said City, for the
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proceed to a
new Election.* Time being, forthwith to call a Common-Council,
and to proceed to the Election of One or more,
into the Office or Place of him or them, so dead
or removed, as aforesaid; which said Sheriff, or
Sheriffs, so elected, shall be sworn in such Place
and Manner, and by such Persons, as before in
this Part hath been appointed and declared. *Pro-
vided always,* That every Person so elected to
the Office of Mayor, Sheriff, or Sheriffs, of the
said City, respectively, in any Vacancy, as afore-
said, shall continue in such Office, for such Time,
and no longer, than the Person so dead or re-
moved, if he had lived, or not been removed,
ought to continue, unless he shall be in due
Manner a-new thereto elected. *And further we*

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Will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, to the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and their Successors, That they, and their Successors, for ever hereafter, may, and shall have in the said City, an honest and discreet Man, skilled in the Laws of *England*, and a Batrister by the *Recorder to be chosen.* Space of five Years at the least, in Form hereafter in these Presents mentioned to be chosen, who shall be, and shall be called the Recorder of the said City. And for the better Execution of this our Will in this Part, we have assigned, nominated, constituted, and made, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Assign, Nominate, Constitute, and Make, the said Sir *John Churchill*, to be the First Recorder of the said City, to continue in the Office of Recorder of the said City, during his Natural Life: And that he, and every other Recorder of the said City, hereafter to be chosen, may have, hold, and enjoy, all and the like Power and Authority, Wages, Profits, and Commodities, as the Recorder of the said City heretofore had, held, and enjoyed, or ought to have, hold, and enjoy. *Provided always;* and we Will, That the said Sir *John Churchill*, and all other Recorders of the *First Recorder's Name.*

To take the
Oaths.

the said City, hereafter to be chosen, before his, or their Admission, or Admissions, shall take the Oaths aforesaid, by the said Act of Parliament directed, and all other Oaths, by the Space of Twenty Years, now last past, usually administred, and taken by the Recorders of the said City; which said Oaths, after the Death or Removal of the said Sir *John Churchill*, shall be administred to every other succeeding Recorder, by the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, in the Presence of One of the Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, at the least; to which said Mayor, we give full Power to Administer the said Oaths. *And further we Will*, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, to the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the said City, That in Case of the Death or Removal the said Sir *John Churchill*, or any other Recorder hereafter to be chosen, from the Office of Recorder of the said City, or in Case of any other Vacancy of the said Office of Recorder, That then, and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor and Common-Council of the said City, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, (whereof the Mayor for the Time being, we Will to be One) and

and to them, or the Major Part of them, as aforesaid, we give and grant Power and Authority, by these Presents, to elect and name, One honest and discreet Man, learned in the Laws of *England*, and by the Space of Five Years, a Barrister, to succeed such Recorder, so dead or removed, as aforesaid. *Provided always*; and we Will, That he so elected, or nominated to the Office of Recorder of the said City, shall not be admitted to take the said Oaths, or to the Execution of the Office of Recorder of the said City, be admitted, until we, our Heirs, or Successors, under the Royal Hand of us, our Heirs, or Successors, shall signify the Approbation of us, our Heirs, or Successors, of such Person so to the Office of Recorder of the said City, elected, as aforesaid. *We Will also*, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do Grant to the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and to their Successors, That, for ever hereafter, there be, and shall be, Twelve Aldermen in the said City, in Form hereafter, in these Presents mentioned to be chosen and constituted; who may, and shall be Conservators, and Justices of the Peace, of us, our Heirs and Successors, in the said City, the Suburbs, Liberties, and Pre-

Succeeding Recorder to be approu'd of under the Royal Hand.

Twelve Aldermen.

of the same: And that they the Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, may and shall have, hold, and enjoy, and every of them, respectively, may, and shall have, hold, and enjoy, such, the like, the same, and such Sort of Powers and Authorities, as the Aldermen of the said City at any Time before the Date of these Presents, had, held, and enjoyed, or ought, or could have, hold, and enjoy. And for the better Execution of this our Will in this Part, we have assigned, named, constituted, and made, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do assign, nominate, ordain, constitute, and make, the said Sir *John Churchill*, in these Presents above mentioned, to be the Recorder of the said City, to be, and he shall be, the First Alderman of the said City. And we Will, That for ever hereafter, every Recorder of the said City, for the Time being, be, and shall be the First and Senior Alderman of the said City: And also, we have assigned, named, ordained, constituted, and made, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do assign, nominate, ordain, constitute, and make, the said Sir *Robert Cann*, Kt. and Bart. *John Lawford*, Sir *Robert Teamans*, Kt. and Bart. *John Hicks*, *William Crabb*, Sir

*Recorder to
be Senior
Alderman.*

Richard

Richard Crump, Joseph Creswick, Sir Richard Hart, Thomas Easton, Sir William Clutterbuck, and William Hayman, to be other Aldermen of the said City, to continue in the said Office of Aldermen of the said City during their Natural Lives respectively, the several Oaths aforesaid, for the due Execution of the Office of Aldermen of the said City, being first by them respectively taken. We Will also, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, to the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and to their Successors, That if, and as often as it shall happen, that any one or more of the Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, hereafter shall die, or from the Office of Alderman of the said City be removed, it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, to summon all the Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, to assemble in the Guildhall of the said City; and there the Mayor and Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, (whereof the Mayor for the Time being, we Will to be One) may, and shall choose and name, One or More of the Common-Council of the said City, for the Time being, to succeed,

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in the Place or Places of the Alderman, or Aldermen of the said City, so dead or removed, as aforesaid. *And we Will*, That every Person to the Office of Alderman of the said City elected, or to be elected, shall take the said Oaths before the Mayor and Recorder of the said City, for the Time being: *And also*, we Will, That all the Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, (the Recorder excepted) shall be resident in the said City, the Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts of the same. *And further*, we Will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, to the said Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the said City, and to their Successors, That if any Person, or Persons, in these Presents named, or who shall hereafter be in due Manner elected to the several Offices of Mayor, Alderman, Sheriff, or Common-Council-Man of the said City, shall refuse to execute the Office, or Offices, and Trusts, to which by these Presents they are named and appointed, or who hereafter shall be in due Manner elected, or shall voluntarily be absent at the Time or Times in which they ought to be sworn, in Manner and Form aforesaid, into the respective Offices and Trusts aforesaid, That then, and in every such Case,

Aldermen to be resident in the City.

No one elected for Sheriff, &c. to be absent.

Cafe, it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor and Common-Council of the said City, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, (whereof the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, we Will to be One) and to them, or the Major Part of them, as aforesaid, we give and grant Power and Authority, by these Presents, to *To impose reasonable Fines upon any one that refuses to be chosen into the Office of Sheriff, &c.* impose reasonable Fines, not exceeding in the whole, the Sum of **Five Hundred Pounds**, of lawful Money of *England*, upon every Person, the said Office so respectively refusing, not accepting, or voluntarily absenting Himself, as aforesaid; and also him to commit to Prison until Payment thereof, according to the ancient Custom of the said City, and to elect and name one or more Persons, according to the Directions and Regulations, in these Presents mentioned and expressed, to supply and succeed in the Place and Office, or Places, or Offices, of him or them so refusing, not accepting, or voluntarily absenting him, or themselves, as aforesaid. *Provided always;* and we Will, That if any Person elected, or to be elected to any Office aforesaid, shall voluntarily before the Mayor, and Two of the Aldermen of the said City for the Time being, swear That he hath not, or doth not, *Bona Fide*, possess Riches

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Riches, Real and Personal, to the Value of *Two Thousand Pounds*, of lawful Money of *England*, the Person so elected, and swearing, as aforesaid, be, and shall be altogether discharged and exempted from the Penalty, Fine, and Imprisonment, aforesaid. *And further we Will*, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, to the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and their Successors, That the Mayor and Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, from Time to Time, for ever hereafter, be and shall be, Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, within the said City and County, to enquire, by the Oaths of good and lawful Men of the said County and City of *Bristol*, as well within Liberties, as without, by whom the Truth of the Thing may the better be known, of all Treasons, Murders, Rapes of Women, and other Felonies whatsoever; of whatsoever Trespasses, Riots, Routs, unlawful Conventicles, Embraceries, Maintenances, Ambidexters, Regratings and Forestellings, within the County of the City, Precincts, and Liberties of *Bristol*, aforesaid, by whomsoever and howsoever done, or perpetrated, and hereafter happening to be done or perpetrated: And also, of those who have, or shall hereafter presume, to lie in Wait to maim or kill our People: And also,

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of those who have used, or shall use, Caps, and other Liveries, of one Suit, by Confederacy, and for Maintenance against the Exigence and Form of any Ordinances or Statutes thereupon heretofore made in the County of the City, and Liberties of *Bristol* aforesaid: And also, of all and singular those, who within the County of the City, the Liberties, and Precincts of *Bristol*, aforesaid, against the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, or any of Them, in any thing shall offend, or hereafter shall presume to attempt any thing to the contrary thereof: And also, to enquire of all Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Constables, and Goal-keepers, who within the County of the City, Precincts, and Liberties of *Bristol*, aforesaid, in the Execution of their Offices against Artificers, Servants, Labourers, Victuallers, Hostlers, Beggars, and Vagabonds, and others whatsoever, who according to the Form of the Ordinances, and Statutes aforesaid, unduly have behaved themselves, and from hence unduly to behave themselves, shall presume, or have been, or hereafter shall happen to be, cold, remiss, or negligent: And of all and singular the Articles, and Circumstances, concerning all and singular the Premises, however, and of other Things against the Form of the Ordinances

dinances and Statutes aforesaid, whatsoever and howsoever done or perpetrated, and which from hence, there shall happen to be done or attempted. And also, all Indictments whatsoever, as well before the same Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, or any of them, or others late Keepers of the Peace, the Justices of us, or the late Kings, EDWARD the Fourth, EDWARD the Fifth, or RICHARD the Third, late Kings of *England*, such Trespasses and Misdemeanors in the County of the City, Liberties, and Precincts of *Bristol*, aforesaid, assigned, by Virtue of divers of our Letters Patents, or of the said Lords, EDWARD, EDWARD, and RICHARD, or any of them, to them, and other Persons whatsoever, in the County of the City, Liberties, and Precincts of the same, made and taken, and not yet determined, as before the said Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, Eleven, Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven, Six, Five, Four, and Three, of them, (whereof the Mayor, or Recorder, of the same City, for the Time being, we Will to be One) Justices of us, our Heirs, or Successors, taken, or to be taken, and inspected, and Process thereupon, and Processes against all others, who before the same Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, concerning the Premises,

Premises, or any of them, hereafter shall happen to be indicted, until they shall be taken, rendred, or outlawed, to make and continu: And all and singular those Things, which against the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, or to the lessening of them, or any of them, within the County of the City, the Liberties and Precincts of *Bristol*, aforesaid, shall be made, done, or attempted, and which there hereafter shall happen to be made, done, or attempted, as well at our Suit, as of any other whatsoever, willing to follow or prosecute, before the same Justices, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, or for Themselfes, to hear, and according to the Law and Custom of this our Kingdom of *England*, and according to the Form of the Ordinances, and Statutes aforesaid, to determine in as ample Manner and Form as any other Justices of the Peace of us, our Heirs, or Successors, elsewhere, in any other County of our Kingdom of *England*, may, or can, hear and determine: And also, the Trespasses and Forestallings, and all other Things aforesaid, not declared, to be determined at our Suit only; and to hear and determine all other Things, which by Virtue of any Ordinances and Statutes, by the Keepers of the Peace of us, our Heirs and

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Successors, and the Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, ought to be discussed and determined: And all Offenders against the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, or any of them, by Fines, Ransoms, and Amerciaments, and in other Manner, for their Offences, to Chastise and Punish, as before the Ordinances for Corporal Punishment of such Offenders for their Defaults, have been wont to be exhibited, made, and done, any where within the Kingdom of *England*: And that the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, for the Time being, and their Successors, for ever, may have all, and all Manner of Fines, Ransoms, Issues, Forfeitures, and Amerciaments, before the said Justices, and every of them, from Time to Time, for ever hereafter to be made, assessed, forfeited, and adjudged: And that it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and their Successors, from Time to Time, as often as Need shall be, all and singular such Issues, Forfeitures, Fines, Ransoms, and Amerciaments, adjudged, and to be adjudged, or assessed, by the Sheriffs, or other Officers, of the said City of *Bristol*, who now are, and who, for the Time being, shall be, to the Use of the Mayor, Burges-
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ses, and Commonalty of the said City, and their Successors, to collect and levy, and Themselves into Seisin and Possession of the same may put, as the Sheriffs, Officers, or Ministers, of us, our Heirs, or Successors, in that Part, for us, our Heirs and Successors, might, could, or ought, to receive and levy, to the Use of us, our Heirs and Successors, if the same to the Mayor, Burgesies, and Commonalty, of the said City, and their Successors, had not been granted, without any Account to us, our Heirs, or Successors, therefore to be rendred, made, or paid. *And we Will*, That the Mayor, of the said City of *Bristol*, for the Time being, and his Successors, for the Time being, as long as he shall be Mayor of the said City, the Recorder of the said City for the Time being, as long as he shall be Recorder of that City, and the said Aldermen, and their Successors, as long as they shall be Aldermen of the said City, Eleven, Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven, Six, Five, Four, or Three, of them, (whereof the Mayor or Recorder, if he shall be in the City, or the Senior Alderman of the said City, then there residing, and in the Absence of the Recorder, we Will to be One) for ever hereafter, from Time to Time, *Sessions of the Peace four Times a Year.* may and shall have and hold, *Four Sessions of* the

the Peace, within the said City, at the usual Times, by the Statute in that Case appointed, as heretofore there hath been used: And all and singular those Things, within the same City, the Suburbs, and Precincts thereof, and in the same Manner and Form, to do, exercise, and execute, at any Time or Times, as there shall be Need, as any other Justices of Goal-Delivery have, exercise, and do execute, or may and ought to have, exercise, and execute, any where within this our Kingdom of *ENGLAND*; whereof, in such Case, the Mayor and Recorder of the said City, for the Time being, we Will to be Two. *Saving* always, to Our selves, our Heirs and Successors, all and singular the Fines, Issues, and Amerciaments, Forfeitures, and other Profits, before the Justices for Goal-Delivery, for the said City of *Bristol*, and every of them, to be made, forfeited, or adjudged. *Provided* always; and we Will, That *Justices to be sworn.* the several Justices of the Peace aforesaid shall be sworn, and every of them shall be sworn, from Time to Time, respectively, those Offices and Trusts, in due Manner, to perform and execute, according to the Laws and Statutes of this our Kingdom of *England*, before the Commissioners hereafter named, or such other Person or Persons

sons, in such Place and Manner, as heretofore in that Part hath been used in the said City. *And we Will*, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, to the Mayor, Burges-
ses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and to their Successors, That they, and their Successors, for ever hereafter, may and shall have within the said City, One fit and honest Man, who is, and shall be called, The Town-Clerk of the said City. *And for the better Execution of this our Will in this Part, we have assigned, ordained, constituted, and made, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do assign, nominate, ordain, constitute, and make, our well-beloved John Romsey, Esq; John Romsey, Esq; first T.Clerk, to be our First and Present Town-Clerk of the said City, to continue in the said Office during his Natural Life. *And we Will*, and do Grant, That the said John Romsey, and every other succeeding Town-Clerk of the said City, for the Time being, may and shall have, hold, and enjoy, such, so great, the like, the same, and such Offices, Wages, Profits, Perquisites, and Emoluments, whatsoever, as any Town-Clerk of the said City heretofore had, held, and enjoyed, or might, could, or ought to have, hold, or enjoy, he the said John Romsey, and every succeeding Town-Clerk of the said*

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said City, for ever hereafter, first taking the Oaths aforesaid, in the said Act of Parliament mentioned; and also, all other Oaths usually administered heretofore to the Town-Clerk of the said City, at the Time of his Admission to the Office of Town-Clerk of the said City. *And further* we Will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, to the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and their Successors, That if it shall happen, that the said *John Romsey*, or any other Town-Clerk of the said City, for the Time being, shall die, or be removed from that Office, it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor and Common-Council of the said City, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, (whereof the Mayor of the said City, we Will to be One) to elect and nominate One other Person in the Place of him so dead or removed from the said Office. *Provided* always; and we Will, That no one to the Office of Town-Clerk of the said City shall be elected, unless he be skilled in the *Laws of England*, and a Barrister by the Space of Three Years at the least; and that no Person so elected, or to be elected, in Case of Death, or Removal, to the Office of Town-Clerk of the said City, shall be admitted to take

To be a Barrister of three Years standing.

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the said Oaths, or to exercise the Office of Town-Clerk of the said City, before we, our Heirs, or Successors, shall signify our Approbation of him to be approv'd
of under the
Royal Hand. so elected, or to be elected, to the said Office of Town-Clerk, under the Royal Hand of us, our Heirs, or Successors ; which Signification of our Favour and Approbation, so had and obtained, it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, to give and administer the said Oaths to the said Persons so elected and approved, as aforesaid, and him to the Execution of the said Office of Town-Clerk, to admit ; to which said Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, to give and administer the said Oaths to the said Town-Clerk, full Power and Authority we Give and Grant by these Presents, without any other Warrant or Commission from us, our Heirs and Successors, in that Part to be procured or obtained. *Provided* also ; and we Will, That no Town-Clerk of the said City, during his Continuance in the said Office, be, or shall be, an Alderman, or Sheriff, of the City or Town-Clerk
not to be an
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Sheriff. County aforesaid. *We Will* also, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, to the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and to their Successors, do Grant, That they

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they, and their Successors, for ever hereafter, may and shall have, within the said City, One Steward of the Court of the Sheriffs, of the County of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid; and for the better Execution of this our Will and Concession in this Part, we have assigned, named, ordained, constituted, and made, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do assign, nominate, ordain, constitute and make, our Well-beloved *John Robins*,

First Steward. to be the First Steward of the Court of the Sheriffs of the said City of *Bristol*, to continue in that Office during his Natural Life.

*To continue
during his na-
tural Life.* And we Will, and do Grant, That the said *John Robins*, and every other succeeding Steward of the said Court, hereafter to be elected, may have, hold and enjoy, so many, so great, such, the same, and the like Offices, Rights, Perquisites, Profits, and Emoluments, whatsoever, as the Steward of the Court of the Sheriffs of the City and County aforesaid, heretofore had, held, or enjoyed, or might, could, or ought to have, hold, or enjoy; he the said *John Robins*, and every other succeeding Steward of the Court of the said Sheriffs, for ever hereafter, taking the said Oaths in the said Act of Parliament mentioned; and also, all other Oaths heretofore usually administered to the

*To take the
Oaths.*

Steward

Steward of the Court of the Sheriffs of the said County of the City of *Bristol*, at the Time of his Admission to the Office of Steward of the said Court of the Sheriffs, taken. *And further*, we Will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, to the Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and their Successors, That if it shall happen that the said *John Robins*, or any other Steward of the Court of the Sheriffs of the said City, for the Time being, shall die, or be removed from that Office, or in Case of any other Vacancy, it shall and may be lawful, for the Mayor and Common-Council of the said City, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, (whereof the Mayor for the Time being, we Will to be One) to elect and name One other Person, in the Place of him so dead, or from the said Office removed; and so as often as the Case shall so happen. *Provided always*; and we Will, That no One to the Office of Steward of the Court of the Sheriffs of the said City, shall be elected, unless he be Learned in the Laws, and a Barrister To be a Barrister of three Years standing. by the Space of Three Years at the least; and that no Person so elected, or to be elected, to the Office of Steward aforesaid, in Case of Death or Removal, as aforesaid, shall be admitted to

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take the said Oaths, or to exercise the said Office of Steward of the said Court, until we, our Heirs, or Successors, shall signify our Approbation of Him so elected, or to be elected to the Office of Steward of the said Court, under the Royal Hand of us, our Heirs, or Successors, which Signification of our Favour and Approbation so had and obtained as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, to administer the said Oaths to the said Person so elected and approved, as aforesaid, and him to the Execution of the Office of Steward of the said Court, to admit; to which said Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, to give and administer the said Oaths to the aforesaid Steward of the Court of the said Sheriffs, full Power and Authority we Give and Grant, by these Presents, without any other Warrant or Commission from us, our Heirs, or Successors, in that Part to be procured or obtained. *We Will further*, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant to the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and to their Successors, That they, and their Successors, for ever hereafter, may and shall have *Two Coroners* Two Coroners within the said City; and for the better

better Execution of this our Will in this Part, we have assigned, nominated, constituted, and made, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do assign, nominate, constitute, and make, our well - beloved *George Lymell*, and *Rowland Searchfield*, to be our first Coroners of the same City; and we Will, That the said *George Lymell* and *Rowland Searchfield*, the Coroners of the same City for the Time being, before their Admission into the said Office, shall take and receive the Oath of Allegiance, and the Oaths by the said Act of Parliament appointed; and also, the Oaths usually heretofore taken and performed by the Coroners of the said City. *And we Will*, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, That in Case of the Death or Removal of the said *George Lymell* and *Rowland Searchfield*, or either of them, or any other Coroners of the same City, hereafter to be chosen, or in Case of any other Vacancy of that Office, it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor and Common-Council of the said City, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, (whereof the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, we Will to be One) to elect and nominate One, or Two, in the Place or Office to take the Oaths.

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of Him or them so dead or removed, as aforesaid. *Provided always*; and we Will, That no Person hereafter elected, or to be elected, to the Office of Coroner of the same City, shall be sworn, or to the Execution of the Office of Coroner of the same City shall be admitted, before we, our Heirs, or Successors, shall signify the Approbation of us, our Heirs, and Successors, of Him or Them, so elected, or to be elected, to the said Office of Coroner of the same City, under the Royal Hand of us, our Heirs, or Successors; which Approbation so had and obtained, as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, to administer the said Oaths to the aforesaid Person or Persons, so approved as aforesaid, and Him or Them to the Execution of the Office of Coroner of the said City, to admit; to which said Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, to the aforesaid Coroner of the said City, for the Time being, the said Oaths to give and administer, full Power and Authority we Give and Grant, by these Presents, without any other Warrant, Writ, or Commission, from us, our Heirs, or Successors, in that Part to be procured or obtained. *And further we Will*, and do Command, That the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Common-Council-Men, Aldermen, Justices of the Peace,

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Peace, Town-Clerk, Steward of the Court of the Sheriffs, and Coroners of the said City and County, and every one of them, in these Presents named and constituted, (the aforesaid Sir *John Churchill* excepted) respectively, shall take the Oath of Allegiance, and the Oaths by the said Act of Parliament appointed ; and other Oaths, in all Things, and by all Things, their Offices and Trusts, respectively touching, well and faithfully to execute, before our most beloved and very faithful Counsellor, *Francis*, Baron of *Guilford*, Keeper of our Great Seal of *England*, our most beloved, and very faithful Cousin and Counsellor, *Henry*, Duke of *Beaufort*, our most beloved, and very faithful Cousin, *Charles*, Marques of *Worcester*, Son and Heir apparent of the before-mentioned Duke of *Beaufort*, our most beloved and very faithful Counsellor, Sir *Leoline Jenkins*, Kt. and our beloved and faithful Sir *Charles Kemist*, Bart. Sir *John Smyth*, Bart. Sir *James Herbert*, Kt. and *John Fitzherbert*, Esq; or any Three of them, (whereof the said *Francis*, Baron of *Guilford*, Keeper of our Great Seal, or *Henry*, Duke of *Beaufort*, or *Charles*, Marques of *Worcester*, or Sir *Leoline Jenkins*, we Will to be One;) to which said *Francis*, Baron of *Guilford*, Keeper of

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our Great Seal, *Henry, Duke of Beaufort, Charles, Marquess of Worcester, Sir Leoline Jenkins, Sir Charles Kemish, Sir John Smyth, Sir James Herbert, John Fitzherbert*, or any Three of Them, (whereof the said Keeper of our Great Seal, or *Henry, Duke of Beaufort, or Charles, Marquess of Worcester, or Sir Leoline Jenkins, Kt.* we Will to be One) to give and administer the said several Oaths to the said several and respectiye Officers, full Power and Authority we Give and Grant, by these Presents, without any other Warrant from us, our Heirs, or Successors, in that Part to be procured or obtained. *We Will* also, That the said Sir *John Churchill* the several Oaths for the due Execution of the said several Offices and Trufts, of Recorder, Alderman, and Justice of the Peace, of the said City, and also, the Oath, called, *The Oath of Allegiance*, and the Oaths by the said Act of Parliament appointed, shall take before the aforesaid Baron of *Guilford*, Keeper of our Great Seal, *Henry, Duke of Beaufort, Charles, Marquess of Worcester, Sir Leoline Jenkins*, or any one of them, to which said Keeper of our Great Seal of *England, Henry, Duke of Beaufort, Charles, Marquess of Worcester* aforesaid, and Sir *Leoline Jenkins*, or any one

one of them, to give and administer the several Oaths to the aforesaid Sir *John Churchill*, full Power and Authority we Give and Grant by these Presents, without any other Commission or Warrant from us, in that Part to be procured or obtained. *Provided always*, and full Power and Authority, to us, our Heirs and Successors, by these Presents, we do reserve, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, the Mayor, Recorder, and any one or more of the Aldermen or Sheriffs, and any one or more of the Common-Council, or Town-Clerk, Steward of the Sheriffs Court, or Coroners of the said City, by these Presents named and constituted, or hereafter to be named and chosen, at the Will and Pleasure of us, our Heirs, or Successors, by any Order of us, our Heirs, or Successors, in Privy-Council, made, and under the Seal of our Privy-Council aforesaid, to them respectively signified, to remove, and to declare him or them to be removed. And as often as we, our Heirs and Successors, by any such Order in Privy-Council made, shall declare such Mayor, Recorder, or any one or more of the Aldermen, Sheriffs, or Common-Council, or Town-Clerk, Steward of the Sheriffs Court, or Coroners, of the same City, who now, by these Presents

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are named and constituted, or hereafter shall be elected and named, to be removed from their respective Offices aforesaid, That then, and from thenceforth, the Mayor, Recorder, and any one or more of the Aldermen, or Sheriffs, and any one or more of the Common-Council or Town-Clerk, Steward of the Sheriffs Court, or Coroners of the same City, by these Presents now constituted and named, or hereafter to be constituted and chosen, so declared, or to be declared, to be removed from their several and respective Offices and Trusts, be, and shall be (*ipso facto*) and without any further Process, really, and to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, removed, from their several Offices and Trusts; and this as often as the Case shall so happen, any Thing to the contrary notwithstanding. *We Will also*, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant

Bread, Corn, &c. brought by Land, to be sold in the ancient Market Place in Wine-street. and Command, That all Bread, Corn, and Grain, hereafter into the City aforesaid, brought by Land, shall be sold and bought at the Ancient Market-Place in *Wine-Street*, within the said City.

We Will further, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors do Grant, to the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and to their Successors, That they, and their Successors

Successors, for ever hereafter, may and shall have, hold, and keep *One Market*, for the Buying and Selling all, and all Manner of Grain, imported by Water, to the Key of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, at the Place commonly called *Aldworth-Slip*,^{Grain imported by Water, where to be sold.} situate upon the said Port of *Bristol*, and thence down the same River, called *Froom*, towards the *Gibb*, by the Space of Thirty Yards. *And we Will*, and do Grant, That the said Market be, and shall be, governed and appointed, as to the Mayor and Aldermen of the same City, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, (whereof the Mayor, for the Time being, we Will to be One) shall seem expedient. *Provided always*, and we do Command, for us, our Heirs and Successors, That for ever hereafter, all, and as much Grain as hereafter shall be imported to the other Part of the said City, (*to wit*) to the *Back* of the said City, may be bought and sold there; yet *we Will*, That the said Market shall be regulated, and reasonable Toll thence proceeding,^{Regulation of the Market, &c.} happening, and growing, shall be made and paid in such Manner and Quantities, as to the Mayor and Aldermen of the same City, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, whereof the Mayor, for the Time being, we Will to be One)

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shall seem convenient and expedient. *We Will also*, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, to the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and to their Successors, That they, and their Successors, for ever hereafter, may have, hold, and keep *Three Fairs, or Markets*, for Buying and Selling all, and all Manner of Wool, Wollen Cloth, and Wollen Workmanship, on the Days hereafter mentioned, *viz.* The First Day of the same, in and upon the Eighteenth Day of the Month of *April*, and for Two Days to continue; the Second to begin, and be held in and upon the Tenth Day of the Month of *June*, and for Two Days to continue; the Third of the same Fairs to begin, and be held in and upon the First *Thursday*, next following the Feast of St. *Michael* the Archangel, and for that Day to continue, unless any of the before-mentioned Four Days shall happen to be on *Sunday*, and then in and upon *Monday* next following, the said several Fairs, or Market Days aforesaid, to be kept and held, in a certain Street within the said City, commonly called *King-Street*, situate within the Parishes of St. *Nicholas* and St. *Stephen*; which Street endeth on the North-End of the same, with the *Merchants-Hall* there, and

and on the South-End of the same Street with the River *Avon*. *And also*, we do Grant to the Mayor, Burgeses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and to their Successors, That they, and their Successors, for ever hereafter, may have, hold and keep, *Five Fairs*, or Markets, for Buying and ^{Five Fairs or} Selling all, and all Manner of Horses, Mares, and ^{Markets.} Colts, on the Days next following, *vix.* The First of the same Fairs to be held and kept in ^{Days on} and upon the 25th Day of the Month of ^{which they} *Jan-* ^{are to be held.} *uary* in a Street, called *Temple-Street*, and to continue during the Feast of *St. Paul*; the Second of the said Fairs to be held and kept at *Redcliff-Hill*, in and upon the 25th and 26th Days of the Month of *March*; the Third of the same Fairs to be held and kept in *Broad-Mead*, in the Parish of *St. James*, in and upon the 25th and 26th Days of the Month of *May*; the Fourth of the same Fairs to be held and kept in *Temple-Street* aforesaid, in and upon the 25th, 26th, and 27th Days of the Month of *September*; and the Fifth of the said Fairs to be held and kept on *Redcliff-Hill*, in and upon the 25th, 26th, and 27th Days of the Month of *November*. The aforesaid several Fairs, or Markets, in the several Places and Days aforesaid, unless any of

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the Days shall happen to be the **L O R D**'s Day, and then in and upon *Monday* next following, to be held and kept yearly; and every Year, for ever hereafter, according to the Intention of these our Letters Patents; together with the Courts of Pypowder there, at the Time of the same several Fairs, or Markets, to be held: And also, with all Liberties and free Customs, to the same Courts belonging; together with Toll, Stallage, Pickage, Fines, Amerciaments, and all other Profits, Commodities, and Emoluments, whatsoever, to the same Fairs or Markets, and Courts of Pypowder, respectively belonging, growing, happening, or contingent; yet so, that the several said Markets, or Fairs, or any of them, be not to the Hurt of neighbouring Markets, or Fairs. *We Will further*, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, to the aforesaid Mayor, Burgeses, and Commonalty of the said City, and to their Successors, That the same Mayor, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and the Citizens of the said City, and their Successors, for ever hereafter, may have, hold, use and enjoy, and fully may and shall, for ever, be able to have, hold, use and enjoy, all Gifts, Grants, Courts, Liberties, Exemptions, Franchises, Freedoms, Articles, Immunities and

and Customs, as well in these Presents, as in any other our Charters or Letters Patents, of us, or any of our Progenitors or Predecessors, late Kings or Queens of *England*, contained, declared, explained, specified, and confirmed: And also all and singular other Franchises, Privileges, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Liberties, Customs, Exemptions, and Freedoms, as well by Land as by Water, to the Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty, or Citizens, Burgeesses, or Inhabitants of the said City, heretofore, lawfully, were granted, or by them, or any of them, by any Manner, or any Names of Incorporation, heretofore, were lawfully used or enjoyed, and which, by these Presents, are not changed; and those, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, as much as in us lies, to the aforesaid Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty of the said City, and to their Successors, for ever, of our especial Grace, by the Tenor of these Presents, we do Give and Restore, Approve, and Confirm by these Presents. *And further we Will*, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, to the aforesaid Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and to their Successors, That they, and their Successors, to all and singular their Authorities, Jurisdictions,

dictions, Liberties, Privileges, Franchises Freedoms, Immunities, and Free Customs, of their Predeceſſors, may be restored, and the same to them, and their Successors, do Restore, by these Presents, as freely, fully, and entirely, as they, or their Predeceſſors, in any the Times of our Progenitors, or Predeceſſors, late Kings or Queens of *England*, have exercised, used, or enjoyed, or ought to have, exercise, enjoy, or use; willing, and for us, our Heirs and Successors, of our espeſial Grace, true Knowledge, and mere Motion, granting to them, the ſaid Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, of the ſaid City, and to their Successors, That altho' the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty of the ſaid City, or their Predeceſſors, have not used, or perhaps abused, any Authorities, Jurifdiſtions, Liberties, Privileges, Franchiſes, Immunities, Freedoms, and Free Customs, in the Letters Patents and Charters aforesaid, or any of them contained, or other their Customs in any Caſe arifing; yet they, the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, of the ſaid City, and their Successors, for ever hereaſter, may fully enjoy and use the ſame Authorities, Jurifdiſtions, Liberties, Privileges, Franchiſes, Immunities, Freedoms, and Free Customs,

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them, without the Hindrance or Impediment of us, our Heirs, or Successors, whatsoever, or the Justices, Coroners, Sheriffs, Escheators, Clerks of the Market, or any other Bailiffs, or Ministers, of us, our Heirs, or Successors, whatsoever, any Cause, Matter, or Thing whatsoever, in Time past, had, made, or provided, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. *Wherefore we Will*, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do Command, That the aforesaid Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and their Successors, may, for ever, have, hold, use and enjoy, all the Liberties, Authorities, and Freedoms, and other the Premises aforesaid, according to the Tenor and Effect of these our Letters Patents, without the Hindrance or Impediment of us, our Heirs, or Successors, the Justices, Sheriffs, or other Bailiffs, or Ministers, of us, our Heirs, or Successors, whatsoever, to have, hold and enjoy, all and singular the Premises above, by these Presents granted to the aforesaid Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, and to their Successors, for ever, to hold of us, our Heirs and Successors, as before they were held; and yielding, and paying, to us, our Heirs, or Successors, yearly, so many, so much, the like, the same,

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and such Rents, Services, Sums of Money, and Demands, whatsoever, as ought to be yielded or paid for the Premises, or any of them; so that express Mention of the true yearly Value or Certainty of the Premises, or any of them, or of other Gifts or Grants, by us, or any of our Progenitors, or Predecessors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the said City, heretofore made, is not made in these Presents, any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provision, Proclamation, or Restriction, to the contrary thereof, had, made, done, ordained, or provided, or any other Thing, Cause, or Matter, whatsoever, in any wise, notwithstanding. *In Witness* whereof, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. *Witness* Our self at *Westminster*, the Second Day of *June*, in the 36th Year of our Reign.

Pigott.

*By Writ of the private Seal, for a Fine in the
Haniper 6l. 13s. 4d.*

Guilford, C. S.

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Memorandum.

That the Tenth Day of July, after the Date of these Letters Patents, by Virtue, and in Execution of the same, We, Charles, Marquess of Worcester, Sir John Smyth, Bart. Sir James Herbert, Knt. and John Fitzherbert, Esq; in the Guildhall of the said City of Bristol, all and singular the Oaths, to the several Persons, respectively, in these Letters Patents directed, by Us to be administred, according to the Tenor and Exigence of the said Letters Patents, did administer, Will. Merrick, and Richard Gibbons, Gentlemen, being only absent.

Worcester.

James Herbert.

John Fitzherbert.

In Pursuance of the foregoing CHARTERS, the following Order of Council was made, and the following Letter of His MAJESTY King JAMES the Second, sent, appointing who should be put in their Room, without administering to them any Oath or Oaths, but the usual Oath for Execution of their respective Places.

At the Court at Whitehall,

January 13, 1687.

By the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, and the
Lords of His MAJESTY's Most Honourable Pri-
vy-Council.

WHEREAS, by the Charter granted to
the City of Bristol, a Power is reserv-
ed to his MAJESTY, by his Order in Council,
to remove from their Employments any Officers in
the said City, His MAJESTY in Council is plea-
sed to Order, and it is hereby Ordered, That
Richard Lane, Mayor, William Swymmer, Esq;
John

John Hickes, *Sir* William Clutterbuck, Abraham Saunders, John Combes, and Thomas Easton, *Al-*
dermen, Samuel Wallis, and John Sandford, *She-*
riffs; John Romsey, *Esq*; *Town-Clerk*; Edmund Arundell, Nathaniel Driver, Giles Merrick, James Twyford, George Hart, John Olliffe, Robert Dow-
ding, John Bradway, Henry Coombes, Marmaduke Bowdler, John Hollister, James Pope, John Yea-
mans, Richard Gibbons, John Seward, John Whit-
ing, George Morgan, and Edward Tocknell, (*late*
Sheriffs) *Common-Council-Men*, *be*, and *they are*
hereby removed and displaced from their afore-
said Offices in the said City of Bristol.

William Bridgeman.



JAMES REX.

Trusty and well-beloved, we Greet you well.

WHEREAS We have, by our Order in Council, thought fit to remove Richard Lane from being Mayor of that our City of Bristol; William Swimmer, Esq; John Hickes, Sir William Clutterbuck, Abraham Saunders, John Coombes, and Thomas Easton, from being Aldermen; Samuel Wallis, and John Sandford, from being Sheriffs; John Romsey, Esq; from being Town-Clerk; Edmund Arundell, Nathaniel Driver, Giles Merrick, James Twyford, George Hart, John Olliffe, Robert Dowding, John Bradway, Henry Coombes, Marmaduke Bowdler, John Hollister, James Pope, John Yeamans, Richard Gibbons, John Seward, John Whiting, George Morgan, and Edward Tocknell, from being Common-Council-Men of our said City: We have thought fit, hereby to Will and Require you, forthwith, to Elect and Admit our Trusty and Well-beloved Thomas Day, to be Mayor; Michael Pope, Mercer, Walter Stephens, William Jackson, William Brown, Humphry

phry Corsley, and Thomas Scrope, to be Aldermen; Thomas Saunders, and John Hine, to be Sheriffs; Nathaniel Wade, to be Town-Clerk; Henry Gibbs, William Donning, George White, Michael Pope, Joseph Jackson, William Weaver, Thomas Saunders, John Grant, John Cary, Alexander Dolman, Peter Saunders, James Thomas, William Burges, William Whitehead, John Curtis, Nathaniel Day, and Joseph Burges, to be Common-Council-Men of our said City, in the Room of the Persons above-mentioned, without administering unto them any Oath, or Oaths, but the usual Oath for the Execution of their respective Places, with which We are pleased to dispense in this Behalf; and for so doing, this shall be your Warrant; and so We bid you farewell.

Given at our Court at Whitehall the 14th Day of January, 1687-8, in the Third Year of our Reign.

By His MAJESTY's Command.

Sunderland, P.

To our Trusty and Well-beloved, the Aldermen and Corporation of our City of Bristol.

Afterwards, towards the End of the said King
JAMES's Reign, a Proclamation was Issued out
in the following Words.

By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,

For Restoring CORPORATIONS to their Ancient
CHARTERS, LIBERTIES, RIGHTS, and FRAN-
CHISES.

JAMES Rex.

WHEREAS, We are informed, that
several Deeds of Surrender which have
been lately made by several Corporations, and
Bodies Corporate, of, and in our Cities and
Towns, within our Kingdom of *England*, and
Dominion of *Wales*, of their Charters, Franchises,
and Privileges, are not yet recorded or enrolled;
and that upon the Proceedings and Rules for
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‘ Judgment, which have lately been had upon the *Surrenders*
‘ *Quo Warranto’s*, or Informations in Nature of ^{upon} *Quo*
‘ *Warranto’s*
‘ a *Quo Warranto*, Judgments are not yet en- ^{not recorded}
‘ tered upon Record; whereupon, notwithstanding
‘ new Charters have been granted in the Reign
‘ of our late dear Brother, and in our Reign,
‘ which said Deeds (being not *enrolled* or *record-* ^{So no legal}
‘ *ed*) do not amount unto, or in Law make any *Surrender*,
‘ Surrender of the Charters, Franchises, or Liber-
‘ ties, therein mentioned; and such of the said
‘ Corporations, or Bodies Politick, against which
‘ Rules for Judgments have been made in the
‘ Life-time of our late dear Brother, or since, in
‘ our Court of *King’s-Bench*, (but no Judgments
‘ entered upon *Record*) are not disorporate or dis- ^{Nor Bodies}
‘ solved; and that it is in our Power to leave ^{disorporate}.
‘ such Corporations in the same Estate and Con-
‘ dition they were in, and to discharge all fur-
‘ ther Proceedings and Effects that may be of
‘ such Rules for Judgments, and Deeds of Sur-
‘ render. We do hereby publish and declare, That
‘ upon due Search and Examination made, We
‘ have Satisfaction that the Deeds of Surrender
‘ made by the Corporations, and Bodies Politick,
‘ of the said Cities and Towns, except the Cor-
‘ porations following; *that is to say, Thetford,*
‘ *Notting-*

' Nottingham, Bridgewater, Ludlow, Bewdly, Be-
 ' verly, Tewksbury, Exeter, Doncaster, Colchaster,
 ' Winchester, Lanceston, Liskard, Plimton, Tregoney,
 ' Plymouth, Durwiche, St. Ives, Fowey, East-Love,
 ' Camelford, West-Love, Tintegall, Penryn, Truro,
 ' Bodmyn, Hadleigh, Leftwithiel, and Saltash, are
 ' not enrolled or recorded in any of our Courts;
 ' and that though Rules for Judgments have pas-
 ' sed upon Informations in Nature of a *Quo War-
 ranto*, against the Corporations, and Bodies Po-
 litick, of several Cities and Towns in our said
 ' Kingdom and Dominions, yet no Judgments have
 ' been, or are entred upon *Record*, upon any such
 ' Informations, except against the City of London,
 ' Chester, Calne, St. Ives, Pool, York, Thaxted,
 ' Kanghour, and Malmesbury: And We, of our
 ' mere Grace and Favour, being resolved to re-
 ' store, and put all our Cities, Towns, and Bo-
 ' roughs in *England* and *Wales*, and also, our
 ' Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, into the same
 ' State and Condition they were, and was, in our
 ' late dear Brother's Reign, before any Deed of
 ' Surrender was made of their Charters, or Fran-
 ' chises, or Proceedings against them, or the Cor-
 ' porations, or Bodies Politick, in, or of the said
 ' Cities, Towns, or Boroughs, upon any *Quo War-
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Statu quo
before Surrender.

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‘ranto, had: We do hereby, therefore, publish,
‘declare, direct, and require, That the said Cor-
‘poration, and Bodies Politick and Corporate, of
‘all the said Cities, Towns, and Boroughs, whose
‘Deeds of Surrender are not *enrolled*, nor Judg-
‘ments entred against them, as aforesaid, and the
‘Mayors, Bailiffs, Sheriffs, Aldermen, Common-
‘Council-Men, Assistants, Recorders, Town-Clerks,
‘Magistrates, Ministers, Officers, Freemen, and all
‘and every other the Members of, or in every
‘of them, respectively, upon the Publication of
‘this our Proclamation, take on them, and pro-
‘ceed to act as a Corporation, or Body Poli-
‘tick, and where Places are vacant by Death, or
‘otherwise, to make Elections, constitute, and fill
‘up the same, (notwithstanding the usual Days
‘and Times of Elections, by the ancient Charters
‘and Constitutions, shall happen to be past,) and
‘to do, execute, and perform, all and every Mat-
‘ter and Thing, as they lawfully might, and
‘ought to have done, if no such Deeds of Sur-
‘render, Rules for Judgments, or other Proceed-
‘ings, upon any such *Quo Warranto*, or Infor-
‘mations, had been had or made, and for the
‘better effecting our said Intention, We have, by

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etc., &c.*

' Order, made by Us in Council, and under our
 ' Sign Manual; and We do also, by this our *Pro-*
 ' *clamation*, made with the Advice of our said
 ' Council, discharge, remove, and dismiss, all
 ' and every Person and Persons, of and from all
 ' Offices and Places of Mayors, Bailiffs, Sheriffs,
 ' Aldermen, Council-Men, Assistants, Recorder,
 ' Town-Clerk, and all and every Office and Place,
 ' which they, or any of them, have or claim, on-
 ' ly by Charter, Patent, or Grant, from our dear
 ' Brother, or from Our self, since the Dates of
 ' the respective Deeds of Surrender, or Rules for
 ' Judgment, except such Corporations whose Deeds
 ' of Surrender are *enrolled*, or against whom Judg-
 ' ment is entred; and that all and every such
 ' Person and Persons, deliver up into the Hands
 ' and Custody of the said Persons hereby appoint-
 ' ed, and intended to act and execute the said
 ' Offices and Places, all and every the Charters,
 ' Records, Books, Evidences, and Matters, con-
 ' cerning the said respective Corporations.
 ' And We do hereby further publish and de-
 ' clare, That We have caused all and every the
 ' said Deeds of Surrender, which can be found,
 ' to be delivered and put into the Hands of our
 ' Attorney-General, to be by him *cancelled* and
 ' *returned*

All Officers
 by new Charters granted,
 on said Surrenders, &c.
 dismissed,
 they to deliver up all
 Records, &c.

‘ returned to the Corporations, and Bodies Politick, of the respective Cities and Towns, whom they concern; and have also given to our said Attorney Authority, and do hereby Warrant and Command him, not only to proceed or enter Judgment upon the said *Quo Warranto's*, or Informations in Nature of a *Quo Warranto*, or any of them, but to enter upon the respective Records, *Noli Prosequi's*, and legal Discharges thereof. And We do hereby publish and declare Our further Grace and Favour to the &c.

‘ said City, Corporations, and Boroughs, at any Time hereafter, by any further Act, to Grant, Confirm, or Restore, unto them, all their Charters, Liberties, Franchises, and Privileges, that at the respective Times of such Deeds of Surrender, or Rules for Judgment, made or given, they held, or enjoyed: And in order to the perfecting Our said Gracious Intentions, We do hereby likewise publish and declare our Royal Will and Pleasure, as for and concerning the restoring to such of our Cities, Corporations, and Boroughs, within our said Kingdom and Dominion, which have made Deeds of Surrender, or have had Judgment given against them, (which Surrenders and Judgments are entred of

All Surrenders to be re-delivered, or
Noli Prosequi's entred,

' Record,) That our Chancellor, Attorney-General,
 ' and Solicitor-General, without Fees to any Of-
 ' ficer or Officers whatsoever, upon Application
 ' to them made, shall, and they are hereby re-
<sup>Where Judg-
ment past,
new Charters,
ut prius.</sup>
 ' quired to prepare and pass Charters, Instruments,
 ' Grants, and Letters Patents, for the Incorpora-
 ' ting, Regranting, Confirming, and Restoring, to all
 ' and every the said Cities, Corporations, and Bo-
 ' roughs, their respective Charters, Liberties, Rights,
 ' Franchises, and Privileges, and for restoring the
 ' respective Mayors, Bailiffs, Recorders, Sheriffs,
 ' Town-Clerks, Aldermen, Common-Council-Men,
 ' Assistants, Officers, Magistrates, Ministers, and
 ' Freemen, as were of such Cities, Corporations,
 ' or Boroughs, at the Time of such Deeds of Sur-
 ' render, or Judgments, respectively given, or had ;
 ' and for the putting them into the same State,
 ' Condition, and Plight, they were in at the Times
 ' of such Deeds of Surrender, or Judgments made
 ' or given. *And whereas* divers Boroughs, that
 ' were not heretofore Corporations, have since the
<sup>New-made
Corporations
dissolved.</sup>
 ' Year 1679, had Charters of Incorporation gran-
 ' ed and passed unto them, We hereby further
 ' express and declare Our Royal Pleasure, to de-
 ' termine and annul the said last mentioned Char-
 ' ters and Corporations ; and to that End, We
 ' have,

‘ have, in Pursuance to the Power reserved in the
‘ said Charters, by our Order in Council, and
‘ under our Sign Manual, removed and discharg-
‘ ed. And We do also, by this our *Proclama-
tion*, made with the Advice of our said Coun-
‘ cil, remove and discharge all and every Person,
‘ of, or in the said last mentioned Corporations,
‘ of, and from all Offices, and Places of Mayors,
‘ Bailiffs, Recorders, Sheriffs, Aldermen, Common-
‘ Council-Men, Assistants, and of, and from all
‘ and every other Office and Place, from which
‘ We have Power reserved by the said Charters,
‘ respectively, to remove or discharge them. And
‘ We do hereby promise and declare, That We
‘ will do, and consent to all such Acts, Matters,
‘ and Things, as shall be necessary to render these
‘ our Gracious Intentions and Purposes effectual,
‘ it being our Gracious Intention to call a Par-
‘ liament as soon as the General Disturbance of
‘ our Kingdom, by the intended Invasion, will
‘ admit thereof.

*Given at our Court at Whitehall the 17th
Day of October 1688, in the Fourth Year
of our Reign.*

God save the King.

*This Proclamation was Printed by Charles Bill, Henry Hills,
and Thomas Newcomb, 1688.*

George Washington

THE
CHARTER
GRANTED
By Her late MAJESTY
Queen ANNE.



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A N N E,

*By the Grace of God of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland,
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

*To all to whom these our present Letters,
shall come, Health, &c.*

W^EHEREAS our Well-beloved and faithful Subjects, the Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty, of our City of *Bristol*, have, by their Humble Petition, Prayed Us to Grant Recital of the Petition of the Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty. to them, and their Successors, all and singular the Powers, Jurisdictions, and Franchises, which they, the Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty, of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, by Virtue of Grants or Letters Patents to them, before this Time by our Royal Ancestors, Granted, at this Time have enjoyed; together with such Additions, Regula-

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tions,

*The Queen's
Gracious
Disposition to
the Welfare
of the City.*

tions, and Privileges, which to Us, in our Great Wisdom should seem convenient to Grant to them, for the Establishment and Good Government of our said City: Now Know Ye, That We, the Melioration of our City of *Bristol*, and the Commonalty of the same, graciously affecting and willing, that in the same City, and County of the same, there may continually be had, *One certain and undoubted* Manner for keeping of the Peace, and better ruling and governing of the People there; and that the City aforesaid, may for ever be and remain a City of Peace and Quiet, for Reward of the Good, and Terror of Evil Doers; and hoping, That if the Citizens of the said City, and their Successors, by our Grant, shall enjoy more ample Liberties, Profits, and Privileges, that then they will think themselves oblig'd to exhibit, and more strenuously and diligently to employ and exert Themselves in the Service of Us, our Heirs and Successors, of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion; as also to gratify our said well-beloved and faithful Subjects, the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, by granting their Petition aforesaid, *We have Willed, Constituted, Declared, Ordained,*
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ed, and Granted, and by these Presents, for Us,
our Heirs, and Successors, do Will, Constitute,
Declare, Ordain, and Grant, That the aforesaid
City of *Bristol*, be and remain, for ever, a City
incorporate, and County of it self, with such and *To be a Ci-
ty incorporate
and County
of itself, &c.*
as ample and large Boundaries, Circuits, and Pre-
cincts, as well by Water as by Land, terminated
and limitted, as the said City and County of the
same, hath at any Time, for the Space of Forty
Years last past, been terminanted, limitted, and
bounded: And also, That the aforesaid Mayor, *That they be
incorporated
by the Name
of the Mayor,
Burgeses, and
Commonalty
of the City of
Bristol.*
Burgeses, and Commonalty, of the said City of *Bristol*, and their Successors, be, shall be, and for
ever remain, a *Body Corporate and Politick*, in
Deed, Fact, and Name, by the Name of Mayor, *Burgeses, and Commonalty, of the City of
Bristol:*
And We have Assigned, Nominated, Constituted, *The Mayor
Nominated
and Confirm-
ed.*
and Confirmed, and by these Presents, We do,
for Us, our Heirs and Successors, Assign, Nomi-
nate, Constitute, and Confirm, our well-beloved
Robert Bound, Esq; now Mayor of the said City,
to be the present Mayor of the same City of
Bristol; willing that the same *Robert Bound* shall
be and continue in the Office of Mayor of the
said City, until, at, and in, the 15th Day of
September next coming, and from thence, until

one other into the said Office of Mayor shall be Elected, Preferred, and Sworn, if the said *Robert Bound* shall so long behave himself well

*The Recorder
Nominated
and Confirm-
ed.* in the same Office. We have also Assigned, Nominated, Constituted, and Confirmed, and by these Presents, We do, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, Assign, Nominate, Constitute, and Confirm,

our Trusty and well-beloved *Robert Eyre*, Kt. (one of our Justices assigned to hold Pleas before Us) the present Recorder of the said City, to be and remain Recorder of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, as long as he shall behave himself well

*The Recorder
Nominated
and Confirm-
ed to be the
First Alder-
man.* in the same Office. We have also Assigned, Nominated, Constituted, and Confirmed, and by these Presents, We do, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, Assign, Nominate, Constitute, and Confirm,

the aforesaid *Robert Eyre* the present First Alderman of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, to be and remain, and every other Recorder of the same City hereafter, to be and remain, the First Alderman of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, as long as he shall remain Recorder of the same City; and also our well-beloved, *William Jackson*, *Wil-
liam Swymmer*, *Robert Yate*, *Samuel Wallis*, *John
Bacheler*, Esqrs. *William Daines*, *John Hawkins*, *William Lewis*, Knts. *Francis Whitchurch*, and,

Nathaniel

Nathaniel Day, Esqrs. the present Aldermen of the City aforesaid ; and also, *George Stephens, Esq;* lately elected to be an Alderman of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, to be and remain Aldermen of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and to be continued in the said Office as long as they shall respectively behave themselves well in the same. *We Will moreover,* and by these Presents, We do, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, Grant, to the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of our City of *Bristol*, and their Successors, That for ever hereafter, there may and shall be, of the better and more discreet Citizens, and Burges-
The Common-Council Constituted to consist of 42 Persons, besides the Mayor.
ses of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, *Forty and Two* Persons, besides the Mayor of the said City for the Time being, who shall be, and shall be called, *The Common-Council of the City of Bristol*: And for the better Execution of this our Will and Grant, in this Behalf, We have Assigned, No-
The Common-Council Nominated and Confirmed.
minated, Constituted, and Confirmed, and by these Presents, We do, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, Assign, Nominate, Constitute, and Confirm, the said *Robert Bound*, now Mayor of the said City of *Bristol*; and also, the before-named Sir *Robert Eyre, Will. Jackson, Will. Swymmer, Robert Tate, Sam. Wallis, John Bacheler, Will. Daines,*
John

John Hawkins, William Lewis, Francis Whitchurch, Nathaniel Day, George Stephens, Aldermen of the said City; and our well-beloved William Whitehead, Esq; late Mayor of the said City of Bristol, and James Haynes and Thomas Clement, Esqrs. present Sheriffs of the City of Bristol aforesaid; and our well-beloved, Giles Merricke, Richard Bayly, Abraham Elton, Christopher Shuter, Thomas Hort, Henry Whitehead, Anthony Swymmer, Henry Walter, Morgan Smith, Abraham Hook, Nicholas Hicks, Onesiphorus Tindall, Thomas Tyler, Phillip Freke, and John Day, late Sheriffs of the County of the City of Bristol aforesaid; and also William Bayly, Hugh Bickham, John Lloyd, and Edmund Mountjoy, Citizens and Burgeesses, and the present Common-Council of the City of Bristol aforesaid, to be and remain Common-Council-Men, and the Common-Council of the City of Bristol aforesaid, and to continue in the said Office of Common-Council-Men of the City of Bristol aforesaid, as long as they shall respectively behave Themselves well in the same Offices. And farther, We have Assigned, Nominated, Constituted, and Confirmed, and by these Presents, We do, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, Assign, Nominate, Constitute, and Confirm,

Confirm, our well-beloved *James Haynes* and *Thomas Clement*, Esqrs. now Sheriffs of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and County of the same The Sheriffs
Nominated
and Confirm-
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City, to be and remain Sheriffs of the City of *Bristol*, and County of the same, to continue in the said Office until at, and in, the 15th Day of *September*, next coming after the Date of these Presents, and from thence, 'till Two Others of the Common-Council of the said City of *Bristol*, for the Time being, into the Office of Sheriffs of the County of the City aforesaid shall be Elected and Sworn, if the said *James Haynes* and *Thomas Clement* shall respectively in the said Office of Sheriffs so long behave themselves well.

We have also Assigned, Nominated, Constituted, The Town-
Clerk Nomi-
nated and
Confirmed. and Confirmed, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do Assign, Nominate, Constitute, and Confirm, our well-beloved *John Romsey*, Esq; the present Common-Clerk of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, to be, and remain Common-Clerk of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and to continue in the said Office so long as he shall behave himself well in the same. And We have also Assigned, Nominated, Constituted, and Confirmed, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do Assign, Nominate, Constitute, and

The Steward of the Sheriffs Court nominated and Confirmed. and Confirm, our well-beloved *Nathaniel Wade, Esq;* the present Steward of the Sheriffs Court of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, to be and remain Steward of the Sheriffs Court of the County of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and to continue in that Office so long as he shall behave Himself well in the same. We have also Assigned,

The Coroners Nominated and Confirm'd. Nominated, Constituted, and Confirmed, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do Assign, Nominate, Constitute, and Confirm, our

Well-beloved *Martin Nelme and James Millard, Gentlemen*, the present Coroners of our City of *Bristol*, aforesaid, to be, and remain Coroners of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, to continue in those Offices so long as they shall respectively behave Themselves well in the same. *And where-*

By the Death of some of the Common-Council Men, and Obstinacy of Persons chosen to serve that Office, to accept of it, Seven Persons being wanting to fill up the Number. by the Death of some of the Common-Council of the City aforesaid, and by Reason of the Contemptuous Refusal of some of the Burgesses of the City aforesaid, to be of the Common-Council of the City aforesaid, to which Office, respectively, they were duly elected, *Seven Persons* are now wanting to compleat the aforesaid Number of *Forty and Two* of the Common-Council of the said City, besides the Mayor of the said City; *Know ye*, therefore, That We Will, and by these

these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, *Injunctions*
 do Command and Ordain, That the Mayor of ^{for} the Common-
 the City of *Bristol*, for the Time being, and the ^{Council to} *Council* to
 Persons before Named and Constituted Common- ^{assemble, and} *the Major*
 Council-Men of the City aforesaid, or the Major ^{Part to choose} *Citizens to*
 Council-Men of the City aforesaid, or the Major ^{fill up the} *Number.*
 Part of them, at some Time or Times, by the
 Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, be-
 fore the 15th Day of *September* next ensuing, for
 that Purpose to be Appointed, Assemble Them-
 selves, and also that they being so Assembled, by
 their Suffrages, shall Choose and Prefer so many
 of the Burgesses of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid,
 to be Common-Council-Men of the said City, as
 may supply and fill up the Number of *Forty*
and Two of the Common-Council of the City
 aforesaid, besides the Mayor of the said City :
 And for the better Execution of our Royal Be-
 nevolence in this Behalf, *We further Will*, and
 by these Presents (the said Mayor, Burgesses, and
 Commonalty, of the City of *Bristol* firmly enjoy-
 ing) We do Require and Command, That the
 Persons before Named and Constituted of the Com-
 mon-Council of the City aforesaid, or the Major
 Part of them, shall immediately and without De-
 lay, make and Constitute, reasonable Laws and
 Ordinances in Writing, with such Pains, Fines,
Injunctions
that the now
Common-
Council do
make Laws,
with Punish-
ments by
Fines, &c.

Americiaments, and Penalties, as to them or the Major Part of them, shall seem expedient, to compel and coerce every Person into the Office of a Common-Council-Man, or into any other Office, by them, the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the City of *Bristol*, or by the Common-Council of the said City, in due Manner Elected, to take upon him, and to execute the Office of a Common-Council-Man of the City aforesaid, and every other Office of the City aforesaid, to which he shall be respectively Elected. *And We further Will*, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, do Grant and Confirm, to the aforesaid Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of the City of *Bristol*, and their Successors, That the Common-Council of the said City, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, may and shall

Powers granted, that the Common-Council of the City, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, do make good by Laws, for the better Government of the City, Suburbs, &c.

have full Power and Authority of Erecting, Constituting, Ordaining, Making, and Establishing, from Time to Time, such *reasonable Laws*, Ordinances, and Constitutions, in Writing, as to them, or the Major Part of them, for that Purpose assembled and met, as to their Discretion shall seem *good, wholesome, profitable, necessary, and honest*, for the good Rule and Government of the City aforesaid, Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts of

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the same; and of all and singular Officers, Ministers, Artificers, Inhabitants, and Persons whatsoever, residing within the said City, Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts of the same, for the Time being; and for declaring in what Manner and Order the said Common-Council of the City aforesaid, and all and singular Artificers, Inhabitants, and Persons residing in the said City, Liberties, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same, in their Offices, Functions, Mysteries, Crafts and Businesseſ, within the said City, Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts thereof, shall demean and behave Themſelves, and use, for the further *Publick Good, Common Profit, and Good Government* of the said City, Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts of the same, and Victualling of the same; and all other Matters and Caufes whatsoever, any ways touching or concerning the City aforesaid, Liberties, and Suburbs, or Precincts of the same. And that the Common-Council of the City aforesaid, or the Major Part of them, as often as they ſhall Frame, Make, Ordain, or Establish ſuch Laws, Ordinances, and Constitutions, in Form aforesaid, ſhall Make, Ordain, Impofe, Limit and Provide, ſuch and the like Pains, Punishments, and Penalties, by Fines and Amerciaments, or by either of them, in and

Pains and
Penalties to
be imposed
upon all
Offenders.

upon all Offenders, against such Laws, Ordinances, and Constitutions, or any of them, or any others, as to the said Common-Council of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, shall seem fit, necessary, and requisite, for the Observation of the same Laws, Ordinances, and Constitutions, and the same Fines

*Power for the Mayor, Bur-
gesses, and
Commonalty,
by Themselves
or any other
Officers and
Ministers, to
levy and re-
ceive the
Fines, &c.*

*Without any
Account.*

and Amerciaments, by Distress of the Goods and Chattels, Actions of Debt, or otherwise, in a law-
ful Manner, shall and may levy, recover, and pos-
sess themselves of, to the Use of the said May-
or, Burgeses, and Commonalty, of our City of
Bristol aforesaid, and their Successors, for ever,
without any Impediment of Us, our Heirs, or
Successors, or any of the Officers or Ministers of
Us, our Heirs, or Successors, and without any
Account thereof, to be rendred, made, or paid,
to Us, our Heirs, or Successors; all which Laws,
Ordinances, and Constitutions, so as aforesaid to
be made, We Will, That they be Observed, un-
der the Penalties in the same contained. *Provi-
ded*, That such Laws, or Ordinances, and Consti-
tutions, so as aforesaid to be made, be *reasona-
ble*, and be not *contrary*, nor *repugnant* to the
*Laws, Statutes, Customs, or Rights of our King-
dom of Great-Britain*. *And We Will also*, That
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the Common-Council of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, shall remain, for ever, to have in all Causes, Matters, and Things, whatsoever, so great and the like Power and Trust, as the Common-Council of our said City at any Time heretofore had or enjoyed. *We Will also*, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, and to the said Mayor, Burghesses, and Commonalty, of the City of *Bristol*, and to their Successors, do Confirm, That as often as it shall happen that any Alderman, or Aldermen, of our said City of *Bristol*, for the Time being, hereafter shall die, or from his Office of Alderman of the said City be removed, it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, to summons all the Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, to assemble in any Place, convenient, within the said City, and there the Mayor and Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, shall Elect and Nominate, and shall and may have Power to Nominate and Choose One, or more, of the Common-Council of our said City of *Bristol*, for the Time being, to succeed in the Place or Places of such Alderman, or Aldermen, so dead or removed as aforesaid. *We Will also*, and by these Presents,

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*Upon the
Death or Re-
moval of an
Alderman,
the Mayor to
summons the
Aldermen,
who are by
Majority, to
choose another
to succeed
him.*

for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant and Confirm, to the said Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and their Successors, That whensoever it shall happen that any of them, the Mayor, Recorder, Sheriffs, Common-Council-Men, Common-Clerk, Steward of the Court of the Sheriffs of *Bristol* aforesaid, or Coroners of the City aforesaid, for the Time being, shall die, or from his or their Office or Offices, be removed, or Depart, or any Election of the Officers aforesaid, or any of them, shall hereafter become vacant or void, by Incapacity, Renunciation, or otherwise, howsoever, that then, and in every such Case, some other *Fit Person*, or Persons, from Time to Time, in due Manner shall be Chosen into such Office or Offices, respectively, by the Common-Council of our said City of *Bristol*, or the Major Part of them; and shall be Sworn by the Mayor of our said City, for the Time being, or by such other Person or Persons, at such Times, in such Place and Manner, as in our said City, in that Behalf, for the Space of Forty Years last past, has been used and accustomed. ————— *Provided always;* and We Will, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, firmly enjoyning, Require and

Vacant Offices to be filled up by the Common-Council.

and Command, That every Recorder of the said *Recorder to be a Barrister of five Years standing.* City hereafter to be chosen shall be at the Time of his Election to the Office aforesaid, skilful in the Laws of *Great-Britain*, and a Barrister by the Space of *Five Years* at the least, before his Election aforesaid: And also, That no one shall at any Time hereafter be Chosen to the Office of Common-Clerk of the City aforesaid, or to *Town-Clerk and Steward of the Sheriffs Court, to be of three Years standing.* the Office of Steward of the Sheriffs Court of the County of the said City, unless he be skilful in the Laws of *Great-Britain*, and shall be a Barrister by the Space of *Three Years* at the least, before such their Election to the said Offices, respectively. *We Will* also, and for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant and Confirm to the said Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty of the City of *Bristol*, and to their Successors, That every Recorder, Alderman, Common-Council-Man, *Recorder, Town-Clerk, &c. to continue in their respective Offices so long as they shall behave themselves well.* Common-Clerk, Steward of the Sheriffs Court, and Coroners of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, hereafter to be duly Elected and Sworn, respectively, shall continue in his Office aforesaid, as long as he respectively, shall demean himself well in the same. *And We further Will*, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant and Confirm to the same Mayor, Burgeesses, and

Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, and every one of them to be a Justice of the Peace,

and of Oyer and Terminer and general Goal Delivery.

Commonalty of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and their Successors, That the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, of the same City, for the Time being, from Time to Time, for ever hereafter, shall and may be our Justice and Justices for keeping the Peace of Us, our Heirs and Successors, within the City and County aforesaid, and Liberties and Precincts of the same. *We Will also*, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, and Confirm, to the said Mayor, Burges-
ses, and Commonalty of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, That the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, of the said City, for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, (whereof the Mayor and Recorder of the City aforesaid, for the Time being, We Will shall be Two) now, and for ever hereafter, from Time to Time, be and shall be, Justices of Us, our Heirs and Successors, to enquire by the Oaths of good and lawful Men of the County of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, as well within the Liberties as without, by whom the Truth of the Matter, may be the best known, of all Treasons, Murders, Rapes of Women, and other Felonies whatsoever: And also of all Tres-
passes and Misdemeanors, within the County, Precincts, and Liberties of the City of *Bristol* aforesaid,

by whomsoever or howsoever done or committed, and that hereafter shall happen to be committed; And also, to hear and determine all Indictments whatsoever, taken before the same Justices of Us, our Heirs and Successors, or any other our late Justices, or any of them within the County of the City aforesaid taken, and our Goal of our County of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, of the Prisoners therein, being, from Time to Time, to deliver. *We have also* Granted and Confirmed, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant and Confirm to the said Mayor, Grant of all Fines, Issues, and Redemptions, Forfeitures and Amerciaments, before the said Justices. Burgeesses, and Commonalty of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, That the said Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and their Successors, may, for ever hereafter, have all, and all Manner of Fines, Redemptions, Issues, Forfeitures, and Amerciaments, before the aforesaid Justices, and every of them, from Time to Time, for ever hereafter to be made, assessed, forfeited, and adjudged. And that it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and their Successors, from Time to Time, as often as Need shall be, all and singular such Issues, Forfeitures, Fines, Redemptions, and Amerciaments, adjudged,

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and to be adjudged, or assessed, by the Sheriffs, or other Ministers, of the same City of *Bristol*, that now are, or who shall be at any Time hereafter, to the Use of the said Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and their Successors, to Collect and Levy, and to put Themselves into Seisin and Possession of the same, without any Account or any other Thing therefore to be rendred, made or paid, to Us, our Heirs, and Successors. *And Further We*

*Quarter Sess-
ions to be held
Four Times in
the Year.* Will, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, That the Mayor of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, for the Time being, as long as he shall be Mayor of the said City; the Recorder of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, as long as he shall be Recorder of that City; the Aldermen of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, for the Time being, as long as they shall be Aldermen of the said City; Eleven, Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven, Six, Five, Four, or Three, of Them (whereof the Mayor, or Recorder of our said City, for the Time being, We Will to be One, or Two of the Five Senior Aldermen of our City aforesaid, for the Time being, We Will to be Two) have, and for ever hereafter, from Time to Time, shall, and may have full Power and Authority,

to

to hold *Four Sessions* of the Peace in every Year, within our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, at the usual Times, and by the Statute in that Case appointed, and in the same Manner as heretofore has there been used: And also, that they may have full Power, all and all Manner of Things whatsoever, within that our said City, and the Suburbs and Precincts thereof, to do, exercise and execute, at all, or any Time or Times, as often as Need shall require, as any other Justices, appointed, for Conservation of the Peace, have, may, can, or ought to have, exercise, execute, or do, in any other Place within this our Kingdom of *Great-Britain*. *We Will Moreover*, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, do Grant, to the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and their Successors, That the aforesaid *George Stephens*, so as aforesaid Elected to be One of the Aldermen of the said City, and every other Person who hereafter shall be elected to the Office of an Alderman of our said City, shall take and perform the several Oaths, for due Execution of the Office of an Alderman, and the Trust of a Justice of the Peace within the said City, before the Recorder of our said City of *Bristol* for the Time being, &c.

*To take the
Oaths, for due
Execution of
the Office of
an Alderman,
&c.*

or in his Absence, before the Mayor of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, for the Time being; to which said Recorder and Mayor of our said City, for the Time being, respectively, We do by these Presents for Us, our Heirs and Successors, Give and Grant full Power and Authority, to Give and Administer the said Oaths from Time to Time. *And Know ye farther*, That We, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, have Pardoned, Remised, and Released, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do Pardon, Remit, and Release, to the Aldermen, Sheriffs, Town-Clerks, Stewards of the Sheriffs Court and Coroners of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and their Successors; as also to all and singular Mayors, Recorders, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Common-Clerks, Stewards of the Sheriffs Court and Coroners of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, who now do exercise, or heretofore have exercised the Offices aforesaid, or any of them, all and all Manner of Offences, Trespasses, Crimes, Negligences, Contempts, and Omissions, whatsoever, done, committed, and perpetrated, at any Time or Times, before the Date of these Presents, in, of, for, or concerning, the taking of the Oaths to their respective Offices, or any of them, respectively, or in, of, for, or concerning, their, or any

A Pardon to the Mayor, that now is, and to the Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Town-Clerks, Stewards of the Sheriffs Court and Coroners, and to all that have at any Time heretofore executed those Offices without Approbation under the Royal Signet, contrary to a Proviso in the Charter 2d June, 36 Car. II.

any of their Admission or Admissions, to the Execution of their Offices aforesaid, or any, or any One of them, within our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, without our Approbation, or without the Approbation of any of our Predecessors, Kings or Queens of *England*, first signified under the Royal Hand, contrary to the Proviso, Tenor, and True Intention of certain Letters Patents, bearing Date at *Westminster* the 2d Day of *June*, in the 36th Year of the Reign of the late King CHARLES the Second, to the Mayor, Burgeses, and Commonalty of the City of *Bristol*, or to their Predecessors, before this Time Granted: And out of our more abundant especial Grace, and of our certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, We have Remised, and Released, and by these Presents, We do, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, Remise and Release, to the Mayor, Burgeses, and Commonalty of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and their Successors, all, and all Manner of Power and Authority reserved to the said late King CHARLES the Second, his Heirs and Successors, in and by the aforesaid Letters Patents bearing Date the 2d Day of *June*, in the 36th Year of the Reign of the aforesaid late King CHARLES the Second, in, of, for, or concerning, the App-
A Release to
the Mayor,
Burgeses, and
Commonalty
of all such
Powers in the
said Charters
reserved of
Approbation
of such Offi-
cers, before
they take on
them the Offi-
ces to which
they shall be
chosen.
probation

probation of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Common-Council-Men, Common-Clerk, Steward of the Sheriffs Court, Coroners, or any other Officers of the said Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, to be signified under his Royal Hand, or under the Royal Hand of his Heirs and Successors: And

A Release of all Powers left in the Crown to remove any Mayor, Alderman, or other Officers, at the Pleasure of any King or Queen.

also, all, and all Manner of Powers, and Authority to the aforesaid late King CHARLES the Second, his Heirs and Successors, also reserved in the said Letters Patents, from Time to Time, and at all Times, to Remove and Amove, any Mayor, Recorder, and all, or any Alderman, or Aldermen, Sheriff, or Sheriffs, Common-Council-Man, or Common-Council-Men, Common-Clerk, Steward of the Sheriffs Court, or Coroner, of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, in the said Letters Patents Nominated and Appointed, or at any Time hereafter to be Nominated and Elected, at the Will and Pleasure of the said late King CHARLES the Second, or of his Heirs or Successors, by any Order of him, his Heirs, or Successors, to be made in Privy-Council, and under the Seal of the Privy-Council aforesaid, to be signified to them respectively, to be Amoved, and to be declared Amoved and Removed. *We Will Moreover, and by these*

these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do Grant, to the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonality of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, and their Successors, That the Common-Council of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, shall, for ever hereafter, have full Power and Authority to change the Times and Places of all, or any of the Markets, by them, or any of their Predecessors, before this Time, or now used, have been, or are, held or kept within our said City of *Bristol*, Liberties, or Precincts of the same. And We do also Grant, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, Ordain, That all the Markets aforesaid, shall hereafter, from Time to Time, be held and kept on such Days, and in such Place and Places, within our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, the Liberties and Precincts of the same, as the Common-Council of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, for the Time being, shall Constitute and Appoint, by any Ordinance in Writing, from Time to Time made, or to be made. And We have farther Granted, and by these Presents, do, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, Give and Grant, to the said Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty, of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, That the Common-Council

Power for Common-Council at any Time to change the Times and Places of any Markets, &c.

Power for Common-Council to establish By-Laws for regulation of the Markets.

of our said City of *Bristol*, have, and shall have, Power and Authority of Erecting, Making, Constituting, and Ordaining, from Time to Time, such Reasonable, Laws, Constitutions, and Ordinances, to be put in Writing, so that the same be not *contrary, or repugnant to the Laws of this Realm*) for the better Regulation and Government of such Markets, or any of them, and the Persons coming to, and there having Commerce, which to the said Common-Council of our City of *Bristol* for the Time being, or the Major Part of them, shall seem *Good, Honest, and Wholesom*, according to their *sound Discretions*, for the Profit, Benefit, and Conveniency of the said Markets, and of Persons using the same, any Thing in the before-mentioned Letters Patents of the said late King CHARLES the Second contained, or any other Thing to the contrary notwithstanding. And farther, out of our more abundant especial Grace, and certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, *We Will*, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do Give, *A Confirmation of all Franchises, Liberties, &c* *Bristol* aforesaid, and their Successors, such, so many, the same, and like Jurisdictions, Liberties, Powers,

Powers, and Franchises, Exemptions, Privileges, Emoluments, and Hereditaments, whatsoever, which by these Presents are not altered or changed, as the said Mayor, Burgeesses, and Commonalty of our City of *Bristol* aforesaid, at any Time heretofore, have used, had or enjoyed, by reason of any Prescriptions, or of any Charters, or Letters Patents, by any of our Ancestors, Kings or Queens of *England*, heretofore Made, Granted, or Confirmed, or any other lawful Way heretofore had, used, or accustomed, notwithstanding the same, or any one of them, have, or hath, been ill used, not used, or abused, or discontinued; except always, and with such Changes, Alterations, Emendations, and Additions, as are above in these Presents made, expressed, and contained. *In Testimony* whereof, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. *Witness* Our self, at *Westminster*, the 24th Day of *July*, in the Ninth Year of our Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal.

Cocks.

Twenty Marks Sterling to be paid as a Fine in the Queen's Haniper.

Cowper, Chancellor. P p



*The Bounds of the City of BRISTOL
by Land, survey'd and measur'd in the
Year 1653; and now again survey'd
this present Year 1736.*

Gloucestershire Side.

| Stone | Per. qr. |
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| 1. O n the Bank of the River of <i>Avon</i> , near a Limekiln, on the Eaſt, and a Sluice on the West, call'd <i>Woodwell's-Lake</i> , standeth the First Stone | } |
| 2. From the ſaid Stone, ascending the Lane, crossing the ſaid Lake, N-Westerly, on the West Side of the ſaid Lake, or Rivelet, is a Leading Stone | } 10 3 |
| 3. From the ſaid Stone, N-Westerly, to a Stone on the Bank where was a Mill to blow Lead Ore | } 16 |
| 4. From thence, N. W. ascending the Lane, in the Midſt thereof, is a Leading Stone | } 25 |
| 5. From thence, N. W. to a Stone ſtanding betwixt <i>Jacob's-Well</i> and the Vault of the Conduit, which leadeth to the <i>College</i> | } 11 3 |
| 6. From thence, N. and by W. to a Stone in the Corner of a Wall, where one <i>Baily</i> dwelt | } 23 |
| 7. From | |

The Bounds of the City of Bristol by Land.

7. From thence, N. to a Stone in the Hedge of a ^{Per. qr.} ² Croft, call'd *Long-Croft* ————— } 32

8. From thence, on the N. Side of the Lane, ascending the same, to the S. Corner of *Pucking-Grove*, and there entring into a Ground, call'd *Honeypan-Hill*, standeth a great Stone ————— } 30

9. From thence, N. by the Hedge and Ditch of *Pucking-Grove*, standeth a Leading Stone in the aforesaid Ground of *Honeypan* ————— } 30

10. From thence, N. N. W. by the Hedge and Ditch of the same Ground, into a Ground, call'd the *Welch-Close*, near the W. N. W. Corner of *Pucking-Grove*, is a Stone ————— } 25 2

11. From the said Stone, N. and by E. to a Stone in the S. S. W. Corner of *Little Pucking-Grove* ————— } 8

12. From the said Stone, N. E. and by E. to a Stone in the E. and by S. Corner of *Little Pucking-Grove* ————— } 18

13. From the said Stone, N. W. and by N. to a Stone in the N. N. W. Corner of the said *Little Pucking-Grove* ————— } 6

14. From thence, over the Hedge, into a Ground, call'd *The Furlongs*, where beginneth *Westbury* Parish, E. N. E. along by the Wall, to a Leading Stone ————— } 11

15. From thence, E. N. E. by the said Long Wall, to another Leading Stone ————— } 28

16. From

The Bounds of the City of Bristol, by Land.

Stone 16. From thence, along by the Side-Wall, E. N. E. to a Stone fixed on the N. Corner of *Cantock's*, } 15 a long Slange of Ground, call'd *Spencer's Acre*--

17. From thence, E. N. E. to a Leading Stone in the said Ground, near to the N. Corner of a Ground belonging to the *Maudlin's* or *Bartholomew's* } 19 of *Bristol* —————

18. From thence, E. N. E. by the said Hedge, is a Stone fixed in the E. Corner of the same Ground, near the Highway, which leadeth } 8 from *Bristol* to *Henbury* —————

19. From thence, into the Highway, N. W. and by N. to a Stone on the N. W. Side of the Way } 20 —————

20. From thence, N. W. and by N. to a Stone in the S. E. Corner of *Bewell's-Croft* } 15 —————

21. From thence, N. W. and by N. along by the Hedge of the same Croft, to a Stone pitched } 17 near the Green-Way-Grate, on the N. E. Side of *Bewell's-Well* —————

22. From thence, along the Highway, N. E. to a Stone on the other Side of the Way } 3 —————

23. From thence, back again, to a Stone on the High Bank, over-against the Cros } 24 —————

24. From thence, S. E. and by S. along the N.E. Side of the Lane, to a Stone at the Head of *Brampton's-Close* } 45 —————

25. From thence, into *Brampton's-Close*, N. E. and by E. to a Stone in the Midst of the said Close } 21 —————

The Bounds of the City of Bristol, by Land.

| Stone | Per. qr. |
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| 26. From the said Stone, S. E. and by S. to a Stone within the Bulwarks | 8 |
| 27. From thence, S. W. and by W. to a Stone pitch'd on the N. Corner of a Garden Wall, formerly in the Tenure of <i>John Pester</i> , of the City of <i>Bristol</i> , Woollen-Draper, belonging to the Heirs of Alderman <i>Jones</i> , and formerly call'd <i>Mill-Lane</i> , and one <i>Pownesham's Wall</i> | 14 |
| 28. From thence, descending, S. E. to a Stone on the S. Corner of a Ditch Bank in the same Ground, near a certain Croft, call'd <i>Prior's-Croft</i> | 10 2 |
| 29. From thence, along by a Hedge and Ditch, to a Leading Stone in the same Croft | 17 |
| 30. From thence, along by the said Hedge and Ditch to a Stone in the Lane, call'd <i>Maudlin-Lane</i> , leading towards <i>Horfield</i> | 16 |
| 31. From thence, along the said Lane, call'd <i>Maudlin-Lane</i> , N. and by E. over a certain Mount, call'd <i>Colston</i> , to a Stone in the W. Side of the same Lane | 10 |
| 32. From thence, N. E. to a Stone in the Ditch or Trench of the Bulwarks | 20 |
| 33. From thence, passing over the Works, S. E. to a Stone at the Corner of a Hedge of a Clofe, call'd <i>St. Werburg's-Close</i> , at the E. Corner of the same Clofe | 6 |
| 34. From thence, S. W. and by S. by a Ditch in the S. E. Part of <i>St. Werburg's-Close</i> aforesaid, is a Stone fixed in a Corner nigh the Ditch of a Clofe, call'd <i>Prior's-Close</i> | 19 |

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| Stone | Per. qr. |
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| 35. From thence, descending the Hill, S. E. and by E. to a Stone in the Midst of a Ground, call'd <i>The Montagu's</i> — | 24 |
| 36. From thence, N. E. to a Stone fixed in the <i>Montagu's</i> — | 11 3 |
| 37. From thence, descending the Hill, to the Corner of a Ditch, S. E. in the said <i>Montagu's</i> , is a Stone pitched— | 8 |
| 38. From thence, along by the said Hedge and Ditch, N. E. to a Leading Stone— | 26 |
| 39. From thence, N. E. by the said Hedge and Ditch, to a Stone in the Midst of a Ground, near the Head of the said Ground, call'd <i>Douce's-Croft</i> — | 34 |
| 40. From thence, descending S. E. and by E. into the Lane leading towards <i>Thornbury</i> , to a Stone on the W. Side of the same Lane— | 20 |
| 41. From thence, by the W. Side of the same Way, directly N. to a Stone fixed on the Corner of a Ground going up towards <i>Prior's-Hill</i> , call'd <i>Barnsley</i> — | 46 |
| 42. From thence, E. athwart the Way, to a little round Hillock, call'd <i>Apesberd</i> , is a Stone on the same Hillock— | 4 |
| 43. From thence, N. E. and by E. along the Lane, to a Stone fixed in the N. Corner of a Ditch, call'd <i>The Upper Stoke's-Croft</i> — | 23 |
| 44. From thence, descending S. E. and by S. to a Stone pitched on the S. Corner of the same Ditch, in <i>Upper Stoke's-Croft</i> aforesaid— | 29 |

The Bounds of the City of Bristol, by Land.

| Stone | Per. qr. |
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| 45. From thence, N. E. by a Ditch of a Close, call'd <i>Meer-Furlong</i> , to a Stone fixed in a Corner of the same Ditch, call'd <i>Shuter's-Ditch</i> | 18 |
| 46 From thence, descending S. E. Southerly, to a Stone fixed on the W. Corner of <i>Long-Acre</i> , now call'd <i>Goose-Acre</i> | 28 |
| 47. From thence, N. E. by the Hedge and Ditch, to a Leading Stone | 23 |
| 48. From thence, N. E. by the said Hedge and Ditch, to another Leading Stone | 9 |
| 49. From thence, N. E. by the said Hedge and Ditch, to a Stone on the E. Corner of the said Ground of <i>Long-Acre</i> or <i>Goose-Acre</i> | 13 2 |
| 50. From thence, N. W. to a Stone on the N. Cor- ner of the said <i>Goose-Acre</i> | 2 2 |
| 51. From thence, N. E. into a Ground, call'd <i>Long-</i> <i>Lands</i> , now <i>Red-Furlong</i> , along a Hedge and Ditch on the S. E. Part of the said Ground, near <i>Cook's-Croft</i> , standeth a Stone | 45 |
| 52. From thence, N. W. and by N. by the said <i>Cook's-</i> <i>Croft</i> , into the Lane, is a Stone in the Midst of the Lane | 13 2 |
| 53. From thence, N. E. and by E. into a Ground call'd <i>Open-Close</i> , near the Gate of the N. of <i>Cook's-Croft</i> Corner, is a Stone fixed | 24 |
| 54. From thence, S. E. by the Hedge of <i>Cook's-Croft</i> , and on the S. Corner of <i>Open-Lease</i> , is a Stone | 13 |
| 55. From thence, N. E. and by N. to a Stone near the Receipt-House of the Key-Pipe-Conduit | 27 |

The Bounds of the City of Bristol, by Land.

| Stone | Per. qr. |
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| 56. From thence, round about the Conduit, S. E. to a Stone pitched on the Ditch-Bank of <i>Picked-Croft</i> — | 8 |
| 57. From thence, athwart the Way, S. E. and by S. to a Stone in the Corner of a Close, anciently call'd <i>Wrington's-Close</i> — | 2 |
| 58. From thence, S. and by E. to a Stone fixed — | 29 |
| 59. From thence S. and by E. to another Stone fixed near the Causeway, from <i>Bristol</i> to <i>Lokenbrig</i> — | 11 |
| 60. From thence, W. and by S. to a Stone pitched on the Bank of a certain Ground, call'd <i>Sage's-Paddock</i> — | 8 |
| 61. From thence, along the Lane, by the S. W. Hedge of <i>Old-Market-Lane</i> , to a Stone — | 52 |
| 62. From thence, along the Lane, to another Leading Stone— | 48 |
| 63. From thence, still along the Lane, to a Stone pitched on the N. Ditch-Bank of <i>Beggar's-Well</i> — | 37 |
| 64. From thence, S. E. by the N. E. Part of <i>Ditch's-Orchard</i> , to a Stone near the Flood-Gate, on the N. W. of the River <i>Froom</i> — | 32 |
| 65. From thence, along the Water of <i>Froom</i> , on the N. Part of the said Water, to a Stone pitched over-against the Great Ditch, leading towards <i>Lawford's-Gate</i> — | 38 |
| 66. From thence, E. and by S. athwart the River, to a Stone pitched on the Out-side of the said Town-Ditch— | 4 R r |

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| 67. From thence, E. S. E. along the Out-side of the said Town-Ditch, to a Stone in one <i>Townshend's</i> Garden | 37 2 |
| 68. From thence, S. E. and by S. to a Stone pitched near the Sign-Post of the <i>Crown</i> without <i>Law-</i> <i>ford's-Gate</i> | 18 2 |
| 69. From thence, athwart the Way, S. E. and by S. to the E. Corner of a Barn, built by one <i>Lord-</i> | 11 |
| 70. From thence, S. E. and by S. along the Lane, to a Stone pitched on the Corner of a Hedge near <i>Enderby's Castle</i> | 10 |
| 71. From thence, S. W. Westerly, along the Out-side of the Town-Ditch, to a Stone in the said Ditch, near an old Square Tower, on the S. E. Part thereof | 34 |
| 72. From thence, still along by the Out-side of the said Town-Ditch, W. S. W. to a Stone pitch- ed at the W. End of a Close, anciently call'd <i>Gold's-Burges</i> ; this Stone is in the Cellar where one <i>Harvey</i> dwells, on the Plain | 35 |
| 73. From thence, still along W. S. W. to a Stone at the Corner-House, where one <i>Baldwin</i> dwells | 21 2 |
| 74. From thence, still along W. S. W. to a Stone on the Brink of the River <i>Avon</i> | 14 3 |

Somerset-

The Bounds of the City of Bristol, by Land.

Somersetshire Side.

Stone

Per. qr.

1. **A**T *Tower-Harrat* standeth the First Stone.
2. From thence, along by the Brink of the River *Avon*, S. E. Southerly, to a Stone fixed at the End of a great Ditch, call'd *The Hales* } 124
3. From thence, lineally W. by the said Ditch Bank, to a Leading Stone } 26
4. From thence, by the said Ditch, W. to the Highway which leadeth from *Temple-Gate* towards *Bath*, standeth a Stone on the E. Side of the same Way } 23 2
5. From thence, ascending the Lane, by the N. E. Side of *Newall's*, call'd *Pile-Hill-Bridge*; and so down the Lane to the Eastward, in the Way towards *Brislington*, is a Stone fixed on the N. Side of the Lane } 89 2
6. From thence, directly to a Little Well, in the Way towards *Pensford*, over the said Well is another Stone fixed } 10 2
7. From the said Stone, to a Stone fixed on the E. Part of the Hedge, call'd *Adleburyham*, and on the W. Side of *Pensford-Way* } 2 1
8. From thence, along by the Hedge, on the W. Side of the Lane, to a Stone pitched on the N. Corner of *Ware-Mead* } 83 1

The Bounds of the City of Bristol, by Land.

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| 9. From thence, over a Ditch, S. W. to a Stone pitched on the Bank on the W. Corner of the same Close | 10 |
| 10. From thence, N. W. by a Hedge and Ditch, to a Stone on the N. Corner of the said Mead | 24 |
| 11. From thence, S. W. Westerly, to a Stone pitched on the S. E. Corner of a Close, which was of the Fraternity of Sattinors | 20 |
| 12. From thence, N. W. by a Hedge and Ditch, to a Leading Stone | 17 |
| 13. From thence, to a Stone N. W. pitched at the Head of a Lane, call'd <i>Red-Lane</i> | 22 |
| 14. From thence, S. W. to a Stone in <i>Redcliff-Field</i> , at the Head of <i>Ergle's-Croft</i> | 14 2 |
| 15. From thence, S. E. to a Stone at the E. Corner of <i>Ergle's-Croft</i> | 14 |
| 16. From thence, S. W. to a Lane which leadeth from <i>Knoll</i> to <i>Redcliff-Church</i> , on the W. Side of the said Lane, is pitched a Stone | 13 |
| 17. From thence, by the Hedge and Ditch up the Lane, N. W. to a Stone pitch'd on the S. E. Corner of <i>Redcliff-Church-Yard</i> , near the Hou- ses call'd <i>Cat-Hay</i> | 29 |
| 18. From thence, descending <i>Cat-Hay-Lane</i> , S. and by W. to a Stone pitch'd on the Corner of <i>Long-Croft</i> of the Master of St. John Baptist | 49 |
| 19. From thence, along the Hedge, W. to the N. Corner of the Mayor's Acre | 17 |

The Bounds of the City of Bristol, by Land.

Stone 20. From thence, S. W. and by S. to a Stone standing upon the Bank of a Watering-Pool, in the Midst of a Ground, call'd St. George's-Close } 14

21 From thence, W. N. W. to the Highway which leadeth from *Redcliff-Church* towards *Bedminster*, to a Stone on the S. E. Part of the same } 13

22. From thence, S. W. and by S. by the same Ditch to a Stone pitched on the Midst of *Brightneess-Bridge* } 31

23. From thence, athwart the Way, W. and by S. into *Catherine-Mead*, to a Stone pitched on the W. Corner of *Cardiff-Croft* } 14 2

24. From thence, N. E. and by N. to a Stone fixed on the E. Corner of *Catherine-Mead* } 53 2

25. From thence, N. W. to a Stone on the N. Corner of the said *Catherine-Mead* } 30

26. From thence, S. W. and by W. by an old Ditch, to the Head of the Pool of *Trene-Mill*, to the Brink of the Water, call'd *Bishop's-Worth-Brook*, at the W. Head of the same Ditch, is a } 22 Stone

27. From thence, N. W. and by N. athwart the Water, to a Stone pitched in the S. E. Corner of *Shepherd's-Close*, which did belong to the Abbot of St. *Augustine's of Bristol* } 12

28. From thence, lineally, N. E. to a Stone pitched on the Mill-Bay } 27 2

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| Stone | Per. qr. |
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| 29. From thence, N. N. W. to a Stone pitched on the Bank of the River <i>Avon</i> , near the same Mill | 12 |

The City is in Circumference

| | Miles. | Qrs. | Perches. |
|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <i>Glouc' Side</i> — | 4 | 2 | 37 |
| <i>Som' Side</i> — | 2 | 2 | 18 |
| Total — | 7 | 0 | 55 |

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